



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### **Year 3 Spring Term**

Welcome back to the Spring term and a New Year. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

This term we will be learning about the volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains in Geography as well developing mapping skills. In Science we will be continuing the topic Animals including Humans looking at skeletons and muscles. After half term, we will be learning about Plants. In English we will be developing narrative writing skills using the texts Man on the Moon and The Fate of Fausto, then writing instructions for Pizza Making and using persuasive writing for Healthy Eating. Our shared reading texts will be The Firework Maker's Daughter and King of the Sky. In Maths, we will continue to work on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) using 3-digit numbers, as well as money, measurement and fractions. In addition to these subjects, the children will continue to be taught Art, PSHE, PE, DT, Computing, RE, French, Spellings and Handwriting.

This term Year 3 will be also be producing a play before the Easter holidays. More information will be given about these exciting performances in the next few weeks.

In Year 3, the children will receive one piece of homework weekly as well as a list of spellings to learn. In addition to this, we ask parents/carers to listen to your child read at least four times per week. Please record this in their Reading Record. Records will be collected in and progress monitored on a weekly basis. We also encourage children to log onto Purple Mash and practice their times tables. By the end of Year 4 they are expected to know all the tables up to x 12. If you need any guidance on how to access Purple Mash, please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

### **Homework and Weekly Timetable**

Monday:

Tuesday: PE

Wednesday: PE, hand homework in.

Thursday: library time and reading records checked (please hand in weekly)

Friday: homework and spellings given out.

### **PE Kit**

Your child should wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Wednesday and they should wear a school jumper with it. They can bring a separate sweatshirt or hoodie to wear during the PE session only. We take children outdoors for PE in all weathers, so please make sure your child's PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts and plimsolls/trainers. Dark coloured jogging bottoms for the winter. If your child wears earrings to school, please provide tape to cover and protect their ears, or teach your child to take them out, or ideally not wear them on PE days.

We are really looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher either at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Tillet, Mrs Hoskins and Mrs Ritchie.