



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Year 3 Spring Term**

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

This term we will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains in Geography as well developing our mapping skills. In Science we will be continuing the topic Animals including Humans by looking at skeletons and muscles. After half term, we will be learning about Plants. In English we will be developing narrative and explanation writing skills using the texts The Iron Man and How Bees Make Honey, then writing a diary entry for The Journey and using persuasive writing for Healthy Eating. Our shared reading texts will be The Iron Man, Anansi and the Antelope baby and The Sheep Pig. In Maths, we will continue to work on subtraction as well as multiplication and division, length and perimeter, 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 showcasing some of their work during an assembly before the Easter holidays. More information will be given out about this year group assembly 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. We also encourage children to log onto Times Table Rockstars to 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 Times Tables Rockstars, please come and speak to me.

### **Homework and Weekly Timetable**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: PE

Thursday: Homework to be handed in.

Friday: PE, Library and homework and spellings are given out.

### **PE Kit**

Your child should wear PE kit to school on Wednesday's and Friday's and they should only wear their red school jumper with it. As a school, 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. Children should wear non-branded 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.

At break times and lunchtimes, the children have the opportunity to go onto the field to play. Due to the weather this term being wet, the field will be muddy. Please could each child bring in a spare pair of shoes or a pair of wellies to change into for these playtimes. Thank you.

Please do remember that if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself either at the classroom door or via email (year3@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk).

Thank you for your support,

Miss Mapleston