

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas holiday and enjoyed the time spent with your family and friends. Thank you all for your lovely cards and gifts, it was very kind of you to think of us.

We welcome Mrs Cleaver to the Year 3 team, who will share the teaching with Mrs Voss whilst Miss Redman is recovering from her operation. Mrs Cleaver will be in class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays, as well as Wednesday mornings. Mrs Voss will be in class all day on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays until Miss Redman returns.

This term start a new geography based topic, "How do we get from Point A to Point B?" Our English lessons will focus on the Ted Hughes story The Iron Man. The children will produce work linked to the story and write in a variety of styles including poetry and newspaper reports. Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Voss will be splitting the Maths units, so the children will be learning about multiplication and division, money, statistics and measurement. In Science the children will be learning about forces and magnets, which will link into our Forest School sessions too.

Home Learning

You will receive a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic until half term. Homework tasks for both topic and Maths will continue to be set on **Thursdays**. Please hand in homework by **Tuesday** to allow time for us to mark and return it. Please complete Maths homework using a pencil rather than pen as it looks so much neater.

Spellings

The spellings for this half term are: prefixes mis and re, the l sound spelt y (as in gym) and the suffix ly.

For Term 4 they are: possessive apostrophes, g sound spelt gue and k sound spelt que, sh sound spelt ch

Reading

Well done to all those children who are reading daily: Miss Harrold is often spoilt for choice with our Star Reader board each week. We now have many more free readers, which is fantastic. Keep it up!

Cracking Times Tables

We're thrilled that nearly a third of the class is working on Level 10 or above! A huge well done to Timon who is now on Level 13! We have been so impressed with the determination shown by the children who are keen to pass each week – well done. Do encourage the use of **Times Tables Rock Stars** or any other games or quick recall questions to practise multiplication and division facts with your child.

Below is the Cracking Times Tables pyramid for your reference. As you can see, half the class is now working on or above Level 8, which is really impressive. These strong number skills have really helped children when multiplying and dividing. Children in Year 3 need to know the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10 times tables and division facts.

Level	Times Tables Tested	Number of questions	Number of children on this level
1	2	10	0
2	2, 10	15	0
3	2, 10, 5	20	0
4	2, 10, 5, 4	25	5
5	2, 10, 5, 4, 8	30	2
6	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3	35	7
7	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6	40	1
8	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9	45	5
9	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 7	50	1
10	2, 10, 5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 7	100	8
11	All tables & related divisions		0
12	All tables & related divisions		0
13	All tables & related divisions		1

General Reminders...

PE: For the Spring term PE will be on **Tuesday afternoons** and **Thursday mornings**

Forest School sessions: Wednesday 15th January, Tuesday 11th February, Tuesday 10th March, Tuesday 31st March

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit!

Topic Overview

Subject	Spring 1	Spring 2
Christian Value	Courage	Forgiveness
English	The Iron Man Poetry & newspaper reports	Play Scripts Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes
Spelling patterns	1 Prefixes mis & re 2 i sound spelt y (gym) 3 Suffix ly	1 Possessive apostrophes 2 G sound spelt gue and k sound spelt que (catalogue, cheque) 3 sh sound spelt ch (chef, chalet)
SPAG – Mrs Voss	Conjunctions Direct Speech	Prepositions Verb Tenses
Maths	Multiplication & Division Money, length & perimeter Statistics	Statistics Length & perimeter Fractions
Science	Forces and magnets	Plants
Computing	Stop Motion Animation (link to Science and DT)	
History	N/A Geography unit	N/A Play rehearsals
Geography	Geography of the UK, mapwork skills	N/A Play rehearsals
R.E.	Christianity: Creation & fall	Christianity: Salvation
Art & Design	Silhouettes, light & dark	Scenery and props for the production
Design Technology	Moving pictures (link to Science & Computing)	N/A Play rehearsals
P.E.	Mr Tanner & Mr Watson	Mr Tanner & Mr Watson
Music	Charanga unit, Three Little Birds	Songs for production, performance skills
P.H.S.C.E.	Unit 3: Looking Forward	Unit 4: My Friends & Family
French	Colours	Numbers to 31
Wow Events	Choir Young Voices Wembley concert, 7 th Feb	World Book Day, 5 th March Science Week, from 9 th March Class 3/4 Production of The Three Little Pigs, Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th March, 6pm
Assembly for Parents	Summer Term, Tuesday 14 th July	
SMSC Social Moral Spiritual & Cultural		