



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you were able to have a rest and enjoy the break over Christmas. In Class 3 this term we are looking forward lots of exciting learning! Our value for this term is **Courage.** Our English lessons will focus on the story book 'Jemmy Button'. In Maths, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division. Our topic work this term will focus on the Geography of the UK and in Science we are learning about forces.

Our **PE day is a MONDAY and a THURSDAY** – please come into school dressed in smart PE kit on both of these days.

Last term, Mrs Crowley wrote to you about an exciting whole class recorder project. We will be learning recorders every **FRIDAY**. Please bring recorders into school each Friday, beginning Friday 14th January. If you are having difficulties sourcing a recorder, please do let me know so that we can help.

Staffing – for the time being Mrs Smith will be teaching Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Miss Usher will be teaching Tuesday/Thursday. We wish Mrs Wilkinson a speedy recovery and hope to see her back in school soon.

As it can be tricky to speak to class teachers at the start or end of the school day, please do email Mrs Smith if you need to speak with us for any reason: j.smith@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk.

Home Learning - We want homelearning to be manageable, meaningful and have an impact on children's progress. Home Learning will be set via Showbie (apart from reading). For ease, all assignments are **set on a Wednesday and due in the following Tuesday**.

Spellings - Children will bring home a green spelling book. It is important they bring this into school every TUESDAY ready for the spelling test. It will be sent home again once the test has been marked so that you can see how your child is getting on. The first spelling test will be Tuesday 18th January.

Maths – Short, sharp maths tasks will be set each week via Showbie and linked to our learning in school. Responses should be posted online.

Cracking Times Tables - In class, we will be continuing with Cracking Times Tables. The children will be tested in school every Monday. You do not need to practice specific questions at home but please do encourage the use of **www.timestables.com** to learn the facts and **Times Tables Rock Stars** to practise multiplication and division facts with your child.

Reading - Each morning children will hand in their reading records when they arrive at school. Our expectation is that children read a small amount each day: 15-20 minutes is fine. Even if your child is already a free reader, it is really beneficial for them to read to an adult to support with unknown vocabulary and discuss what's happened in the text. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support them in completing this task each day.

General Reminders...

Class assembly: 9am Monday 10th January in the school hall. Mrs Saville has confirmed this will go ahead.

Please wear a mask.

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 25th January, Wednesday 16th February, Tuesday 22nd March. Please come dressed in clothes suitable for outdoors.

Last day of Term 3: Thursday 17th February 2022