

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to an exciting, action packed Spring term! The children have returned refreshed from their Christmas break and have kicked off the New Year with enthusiasm.

Our new curriculum topic for the term is 'Children of the World'. This is a geography based theme with many cross-curricular links where children will learn about different cultures, climate, food, schools, education and compare them with their own experiences. For more details, please see the curriculum poster overleaf or access the Y3 class page on the school website. If you have family abroad, or a story to share about your childhood in another country, please let us know. We are so lucky to have links all over the world and we really want to make the most of them. Please send in any addresses or contacts from schools overseas if you have any. We will make contact and see how many interesting letters or emails we manage to exchange.

Daily Routines and Reminders

- The Y3 class assembly will take place on Wednesday 4th February.
- PE takes place every Tuesday & Wednesday.
- PE kits must be kept in school and children will change into their school PE kit (white T-Shirt with navy blue shorts). Tracksuits (in the same St Andrew's colours) and trainers are also recommended.
- If your child will be attending a club on a day that is not a PE day, I will ensure that they are changed before their club starts.
- Clubs will take place after school from 3.15 - 4.15pm and places will need to be booked via the school money system. Details will be posted regularly on newsletters. Clubs commence the week beginning Monday 12th January & finish the week beginning Monday 23rd March.
- Please make sure that your child has a water bottle in school – active brains need plenty of hydration!
- Core homework tasks include reading, spellings and times tables. Arithmetic and reasoning tests will be completed each week on a Wednesday and sent home on a Friday, so that you can see your child's score. **NEW FOR 2026! If children show evidence of times tables practise in their homework books or earn a Mathletics certificate, they can earn up to 10 dojo points!** As you may be aware, children's participation online on Mathletics is monitored closely and engagement / improvement is celebrated when we assemble together as a whole school. Some children from Year 3 have not yet gained a certificate for achieving 1000 points in one week. Please remind your child to log on regularly and practise their skills.
- Spellings are always set on Spelling Shed, as well as being stuck in homework books. We regularly use Spelling Shed in school but please encourage your child to use it at home too – it really does have a significant impact on many children's weekly scores. <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb>.
- Login details for Spelling Shed, Mathletics and TTRockstars are kept in the front of each child's homework book. There is always work set on Mathletics which is linked to the current class unit of work. TTRockstars is a fantastic way to learn times tables – children can even show you their times table heatmaps which show you which times tables they are confident with and which ones they need to learn. Please take a look at them – I would encourage your child to use them regularly at home! If you have any problems with any login details or work that has been set, please let me know.
- Reading: Encourage your child to read at home on a daily basis because children who regularly read at home generally make excellent progress in school. Books can be changed any time of the week – just get your child to hand them to Mrs Haywood.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. With very best wishes from the Year 3 team,

Mr Pope, Mrs King & Mrs Haywood

