

Class 3 Update 17th January '25

Dear parents,

Wow, in the blink of an eye the Christmas holiday was gone! It was lovely to see the children pouring into school on the first snowy Monday back, full of excitement and (thankfully) sharing that Father Christmas had indeed visited.

Straight back to work, we have started our new science topic Plants. This week we have set up an experiment to investigate what plants need to grow. The children were very knowledgeable and keen to set their experiments up. Let's see what happens over the week!

On Monday afternoon, Liz from the British Library visited Class 3 to do a Write like a Poet workshop. We learned all about where she works and how they use robots to navigate the several million books they have (every book ever published in the UK) and many other interesting items. We then analysed a poem by James Berry and then played word association games. Finally, we got to create our own short poems on a theme of our choosing. What a wonderful afternoon.

In English this half term the children will be busy reading the story 'Escape from Pompeii' which will tie in perfectly with their geography topic on earthquakes and volcanoes. We are also looking at poems by Valerie Bloom in English, with some lessons on performance poetry in class and the children will be writing their own poem.

The pupils have come back to school with energy and enthusiasm and, we have all noted, seemingly a little taller!

Reminders

Coats:

Please make sure pupils bring coats, hats and gloves in every day to school so we can make sure that all pupils are appropriately dressed for the season!

Once again, a polite reminder: we have asked that the children do not bring in any items from home such as toys, teddies or football cards. The worry is that these items can get lost, broken or be a distraction during lesson time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Homework:

Pupils have been given their weekly spellings as usual alongside the Statutory Spellings for this half term. The Statutory Spellings will be tested at the end of term, these can be found stuck inside the front cover of your child's spelling book. If not there, the children know where to get them from. Alternatively, they can ask one of us to help them find the one they need.

Please return completed homework on a **Thursday Y3** and **Y4** on a **Wednesday**. The emphasis is also on practicing your handwriting as you learn your spellings, homework should be neatly done and the word written at least 3 times. Reading records need three signatures per week. Please encourage your child to practice on Times Tables Rockstars regularly - it really helps them in their maths lessons if they have quick recall of their times tables facts.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller