

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term – our final term of the academic year. Can you believe we're already here?

It has been a real joy catching up with the children and hearing all about their Easter adventures. Thank you to everyone who shared photos on Tapestry – they've been lovely to see!

We've made an exciting start in **History**, diving into our topic on *Ancient Egypt*. The children are already showing great curiosity and enthusiasm for learning more about this fascinating civilisation.

In **Science**, we've started exploring *Forces and Magnets*. Last week, we took advantage of the summer sunshine and headed outdoors to investigate push and pull forces. The children used sticks, the big chess pieces, and even the activity play area to demonstrate contact forces. Their ideas and creativity were brilliant!

Our **English** reading book this half term is *The Secret of Platform 13*, and it's proving to be a big hit. The children are thoroughly engaged and eager to find out what happens next. If your child would like to bring in their own copy, please make sure their name is written inside.

In **RE**, we've been reflecting on what happened after Jesus' resurrection. Our class has had some deep and thoughtful discussions about the Kingdom of God – what it is, who is part of it, whether it's a physical place, and who leads it. We've also started exploring the significance of Pentecost and will continue to think about its importance for Christians.

In **Maths**, we've been focusing on *fractions*. The children have done an amazing job learning to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator, and they've also mastered how to find unit and non-unit fractions of amounts. Fantastic work, Class 3! Over the next few weeks we will be looking at time. To support your child's learning at home, please encourage them to practise telling the time using an analogue wall clock. This will greatly reinforce the work we're doing in school. * See below for details of some optional homework.

Looking ahead, **next Thursday is our VE Day celebration**. An email with details has already been sent out, but just to remind you: children are invited to come dressed in red, white and blue or in 1940s-style clothing, but no football kits please. We'll be holding a special assembly at 2:30pm for parents – we'd love to see you there as the children are working hard on their presentation.

The School Council will be selling VE Day stickers and Union Jack notebooks at playtime on Tuesday and Wednesday, so don't forget your money:

10p for a sticker and 20p for a notepad.

Finally, the **Summer 1 statutory spellings** have been handed out. Please support your child in practising these regularly – we'll be testing them at the end of the half term. Weekly spellings have also gone home:

- Year 4 will be tested on **Wednesdays**
- Year 3 will be tested on **Thursdays**

***Optional maths homework available on Tapestry:**

For those who would like to do a little extra practice at home, optional maths homework has been uploaded to Tapestry.

To access it, log into your Tapestry account, go to the **Documents** section, and scroll down to find **Y3/Y4 Maths Optional Homework**.

This work is designed to reinforce and support the learning we're doing in school.

A wonderful message from Mrs Jarvis:

Before Easter, Class 3 took part in a composition project with the English National Opera (ENO). Their composer Omar had started a composition called 'Blue, Red, Yellow....' and we needed to compose the final colour to finish the piece. Class 3 chose white. They had to think about what the colour white would sound like if it was music so we made word clouds, investigated sounds and came up with our finished composition. We called it 'Moonlit Sparkles'. I submitted it before the holidays and I am very excited to tell you that we have just heard that we were one of the 40 schools that have been picked out of 250 to have our composition animated and on YouTube. The children were very excited and wanted to share the news with you. We even got some special feedback from Omar himself. Here are the links for the websites, if you would like to have a look. Here you will find the photo, SoundCloud file and the animation but there is a separate link for the animation. Well done Class 3, fabulous work!

<https://www.eno.org/discover-opera/learning/finish-this/celebrating-finish-this-2024-25/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9gVaSbCQ3U>

Wonderful work Class 3, what a treat to see and hear all the work you have put into this.

Thank you all for your continued support. It's shaping up to be a wonderful term!

Have a lovely sunny bank holiday weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller.