

Dear Families,

Welcome Back, Class 3!

Welcome back to the final half term of the year! Where has the time gone? It's hard to believe we're nearing the end of the academic year already. It was absolutely lovely to see all the children return with smiles on their faces and a real enthusiasm for learning. Well done, Class 3 — you've made a fantastic start!

English – Crazy Contraptions!

We are all very excited about our new writing topic: *Crazy Contraptions*! This unit will lead us to write an explanation text and, hopefully, even build some "crazy contraptions" of our own.

To kick things off, we watched some classic *Wallace and Gromit* videos and explored inventions like the *Snoozatron* and the *Turbo Diner* — definitely worth a watch at home! We also viewed a brilliant Rube Goldberg video, showing how a complex machine can be used to carry out simple tasks in an over-the-top way. Be warned — the children may start raiding the house for bits and bobs to use in their own creations!

Maths – Diving into Decimals

The children have blown us away with their understanding in maths this week. We've begun our unit on decimals and have been learning about tenths and hundredths, as well as how to write fractions like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$ as decimals. Their focus and progress have been amazing — well done, Class 3!

Optional homework linked to this topic has been uploaded to Tapestry. Keep an eye out, as we'll be adding more next week.

Year 4 – Times Tables Check

Year 4s have been working incredibly hard on their times tables. Their official *Multiplication Tables Check* will take place at the end of next week. Please continue practising at home using TTRS or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>.

Spelling

This term's Statutory Spellings were sent home this week. These will be tested during the final week of term, along with all the other statutory words. If anyone has misplaced their lists, copies are available in class — just ask! Weekly spellings have also been sent home as usual.

Sports Day – Tuesday!

Sports Day is coming up next Tuesday! Fingers crossed for dry weather. Don't forget to get practising with your egg and spoon — it's always a highlight! Good luck to everyone, and remember the wise words of a famous basketball player (Michael Jordan):

"Just play, have fun, enjoy the game."

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mr Sturgess and Mrs Miller