

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to the start of the Spring Term!

Our first topic in Science this term is Organisms, where we will explore the importance of a balanced diet and different bones in our body. In History, we have begun our Ancient Egypt topic. Within this topic, children will explore how Ancient Egypt was ruled, similarities and differences compared to Pre-historic Britain and how Egypt changed overtime. We are looking forward to our Egyptian art day towards the end of this half term, where we will make our own Egyptian scrolls.

In Maths, we are continuing with our multiplication and division unit, before moving on to length and perimeter. We continue to focus on securing our times table knowledge. Please ensure your child is accessing TT Rockstars for at least 10 minutes a day, as short frequent bursts are proven to improve pace and understanding.

In Writing, we began this half term looking at an Egyptian themed clip 'Tadeo Jones'. We have already written our own setting descriptions, focusing on the use of expanded noun phrases, similes, personification and fronted adverbials. We have started planning our own diary entries in the character of Tadeo Jones and will begin to write them next week. Later this half term, we will write a historical narrative.

**Our PE day will now move from a Thursday to a Wednesday afternoon.**

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 team.

### Key Dates

Mon 20th Jan - Escapeline in school workshop plus Parent workshop (2pm)

Fri 24th Jan - Tennis taster session (wear PE kit)

Fri 24th Jan—Jubilee Launch Day

Wed 29th Jan - PTFA uniform sale

Thurs 30th Jan - Books at Bedtime 6pm-7pm (more info to follow soon)

Tues 11th Feb:(3pm—6pm) -Parent Consultations

Weds 12th Feb (3pm—6pm) -Parent Consultations

Mon 17th Feb-Fri 21st Feb -Half Term

Mon 24th Feb - INSET

Tues 25th Feb - Children return to school

Thur 6th Mar - World Book Day

Tues 4th—Tues 11th Mar - Scholastic Book Fair

Weds 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Fri 14th Mar - CAFOD Family Fast Day: wear bright colours

Mon 17th Mar - Wear green for St Patrick's Day

Thur 20th Mar - Class Photos

### Homework Expectations

**Spellings**—sent home every Thursday in red homework books. Due the following Friday.

**TT Rockstars**—weekly practice, at least 10 minutes daily.

**Maths Flex**—at least 30 minutes each week.

**Reading**—daily reading, at least 5 signatures in reading records each week. Checked every Thursday.

Please ensure homework books and reading records are handed in every Thursday.