

## Happy New Year!

### Spring Term Newsletter - 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you all had a pleasant Christmas break and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. A big thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts I received at the end of last term. ☺ I am very pleased with how the children settled into Year 3 and I am keen to ensure that we start the New Year positively and look to make as much progress as possible over the next three months (whilst having lots of fun!!!).

Below are some key points to note for particular subjects and you can find a topic web outlining the curriculum areas on the school website:

**English:** Please continue reading with your child every day (including a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts) as this will support and reinforce your child's learning. The children are heard to read individually in class, normally once a week, to monitor their progress in the book bands. Spellings will still be given out and tested every Friday.

**Maths:** This term we will be practising the 3 and 4 times tables, so helping your child with their times tables is a great way to boost their confidence - don't forget the *Times Tables Toons* on Mathletics! Maths homework will be given out on a Friday and this will usually alternate between earning a certificate on Mathletics and completing a Maths Target Team activity.

**P.E.:** The children have swimming on a Tuesday morning (started on 9<sup>th</sup> January) and P.E. on a Thursday (indoors) this term. I would recommend that your child keeps their P.E. kit and trainers in school with them all week. They will also need a water bottle in school and this should be kept in the classroom.

**'My Choice' homework:** This will continue to be given out on a Friday and the children will have two weeks to complete it.

**Classroom Equipment:** Although the school does provide pencils, rulers and other necessary equipment, the children may wish to bring in their own colouring pencils and a rubber / eraser. Please ensure that any items of stationery or pencil cases are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

Best Wishes,

Mr. M. Walding

