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| Year 3 Newsletter |
| Dear Parents (and Children), Welcome back after the Christmas holiday. I’m sure you will have enjoyed the festive period and are now very tired to return to school! But here we are at the start of what proposes to be a busy term. In this newsletter I will provide a brief outline on our curriculum topics for this term and a variety of notices and reminders that help everything run smoothly. *Curriculum Info!* ***English:******Maths:***multiplication (with a focus on 4 and 8) division, money and statisticsHow you can help at home: * Encourage your child to practice rapid recall of timetables (2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8) and related division facts.
* Playing games e.g. countdown where children are given a number to make with the four operations.
* Discussing everyday application of maths e.g. weight, money, time, spotting Roman Numerals

***Science:*** rocks and fossils followed by forces and magnets***History:*** The Romans***Geography:*** Volcanoes, earthquakes and the water cycle  |  *SpringTerm* *January 2018* |
| **Spelling**There are so many children who practice their spellings on a regular basis and they achieve full marks or close to every week. A BIG well done to you and keep up the hard work. Image result for Cartoon ABC**PE Kit:** The timetabled PE slots per week are Thursday and Friday. Your child will need a white t-shirt and navy/black shorts for indoor PE and in addition, a tracksuit or suitable plain, dark top, joggers and suitable trainers. Unfortunately, if the children do not have the correct equipment they may not be able to take part. Could you please check that your child has all the correct kit they need in school?**Reading reminders:** The children can choose an independent reading book from our “levelled” reading. The children are allowed to change their book every Tuesday and/or Thursday if their Reading Diary is signed off by an adult to confirm they have read that book. To **aid their understanding of a text it is recommend that a book is read 2-3 times before it is exchanged.** **Reading Rewards:****http://www.thelee.org.uk/200709/bookworm.jpg**Regular reading is vital to improve fluency and understanding, but also it has a dramatic impact on the quality of writing. House points are on offer to those children who read regularly at home. If you child reads for 5 days and it has been recorded in their diary they can earn 10 house points. IF they read 4/5 days they will earn 5 house points. **Student Teacher**I’m sure the children will have mentioned the other adult we have with us in the classroom on Tuesdays. Miss Pettifer is reading for a BA in Education at Birmingham City University. Week beginning Monday 22nd January for 2 weeks, she will be with us every day and she will be teaching the children regularly.  | **Homework:**  Thank you so much for being so organised with regard to homework. I am thrilled to see so many homework books being returned early. Homework will continue to be distributed on a Tuesday to be handed in by the following Monday. Please continue to be involved as much as you can in supporting your child with their homework.**99 Club:** The target for a Year 3 child is to be secure on their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 3. Please support your child at home with regular times tables practice. We will complete one 99 club each week. **Our times tables focus this half term will be the 4 times table.**Image result for cartoon times tables**Pencil Cases and equipment reminder:** I’m sure that the children will have received some pretty stationary in their stocking.If they wish bring in one small pencil case with a selection of colouring pens and pencils that can fit in to their drawer they are welcome to do so. **They do not need a selection of rubbers, sharpeners or toy items that may cause a distraction to them or others.** These can remain at home ☺ Remember, please do not send in expensive or precious items as I cannot guarantee their safe keeping.**School Uniform and Dress Code:**Long hair should be tied back at all times and any hair accessories or bands should comply with the uniform policy. Small watches and stud earrings are allowed but the children must be able to take them off by themselves for PE Lessons. Please ensure any weekend nail polish is removed for school (no matter how pretty the colour!). |
|  | **Dates for your diary:**Monday 5th February – Year 3 Trip to Worcester CathedralWeek beginning Monday 12th February – Science Enrichment WeekWednesday 14th February – Year 3 Parents’ Consultations from 1.30pm. Friday 16th February – Break up for half termMonday 26th February – Return to schoolWednesday 28th March – Break up for Easter holiday (Thursday 29th TED Day)Many thanks for your continued support,Miss Schneider |