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Year 3 Class Newsletter.

WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR CHRISTMAS BREAK FROM MRS HOGAN. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY AND RELAXING CHRISTMAS. WE NOW LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW TERM:- THE NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR REFLECTION, NEW BEGINNINGS AND HOPE!

The Term Ahead:

In the coming term, we continue to encourage the children to be the best they can be and to build on what was successful in the Autumn term. We can enable them to reach their full potential, with your help and support. They are a very motivated and hard-working class and are a pleasure to teach.

Any queries, please email or telephone the school office, and we will get back to you asap. Check out the school website and twitter, search @whaplode.Y3 for useful information and photographs.

THE CURRICULUM

TOPIC: Our big question this year is, "Do humans live in harmony with the world?" and for the first part of this term we continue with the question, "How did Ancient Egyptians use the Nile?" We will then move onto the question 'What natural resources do humans use?' We will focus on recognizing the natural resources used in different parts of the UK. We will look at the different ways energy can be produced and will name physical resources in our local environment and identify the impact of these.



Year 3 really enjoyed the Aladdin Digital pantomime along with their delicious Christmas goodie bags. It was a terrific way to end such a busy term and to get into the Christmas spirit!

We are all set for an exciting and productive term. Below are some important things to note:- On a Wednesday, the class will continue to be taught by Mrs Garner. This works really well as we plan and work closely together for the benefit of the children.

Important days for PE: Football on Wednesday and Gymnastics and PE fundamentals on Friday. Children should come to school in their full PE kit on Wednesday and Friday.

Weekly homework will be issued on Friday in Homework books. New spellings will also be set on Friday and tested the following Thursday. The children will be given a hard copy of the homework and the spellings and should return their homework books by Thursday at the latest to give us time to mark them. Children will bring reading books home on a weekly basis and need to read to you at least 4 times per

ENGLISH: To start the term, our learning will be based on our main text:- Roman Diary: The Journal of ILIONA, a young slave. We will also have focused Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Handwriting lessons. Please encourage the children to practise their handwriting at home, using 'Letterjoin'. They all have a log-in for this site.

MATHS: Our 1st topic is multiplication and division where we are developing our mental calculation strategies. Then we will move on to written calculation methods. Children should now know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, and should be learning 3, 4, and 8 times tables. Some children are still not confident with their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, so need to spend some extra time at home learning these. There will be a weekly times table test to check on individual progress, so please support your child in learning the times tables.

SCIENCE: The children will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants. They will explore the requirements of plants for life and growth while also examining the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants.

RE: Our RE sessions will focus on God and Incarnation. Pupils will build on their learning about Christian belief about God with a key focus on the Christian understanding of God as Trinity. Our value of this term is perseverance.

week, in order to improve fluency and understanding. Please sign their reading diaries, each time, to show they have read.

Please support the children and make sure they complete the work set, on a weekly basis. It is very important that they return their homework book by Thursday every week! **Spellings:** Word lists will contain specific spelling patterns as well as words from the National Curriculum Spelling Lists for Year 2 and Year 3/4.

Reading for pleasure is important so that the children understand and develop a broader vocabulary and increase general knowledge. To do this we choose a variety of high-quality texts to share. Some of the texts we will be sharing this term include:- The Little Old Toymaker by Enid Blyton and The Language of Cat by Rachel Rooney.

We will also do whole class guided reading activities on Tilly and the Time Machine by Adrian Edmondson and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl.

Times Tables: In Year 3, children need to learn their 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and revise their 2s, 5s and 10s. They can practise this at home using TT Rockstars which they will have their own logins for. **KIRFS:** Children will also be given a set of Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to support the development of the mental skills that underpin much of the maths work in school.

Please look on the Year 3 class page, on the school website, for the link to useful extra learning resources.