



January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all have a lovely break and are feeling excited about the term ahead!

Here are our learning areas this half term:

**Maths:** Our focus for this half term is **Multiplication and division**.

Children will be learning to count in multiples of 3, 4 and 8 as well as revising 2, 5 and 10 from Year 2. The children need to develop an instant recall of these facts to apply in problem solving activities. The mental maths tests on Friday will link to this and the Weekly Overview will give more detail about the specific times table that we are focusing on and the kinds of questions to expect.

The children will be learning more formal written methods to solve multiplication and division questions, but the focus does remain on them understanding, in practical terms, what multiplication and division means and choosing the best method to solve a problem (not always a written method).

MyMaths will be live soon. It gives the children different activities they can complete to help with their learning around this subject area.

**English:** Our text for this half term is **'The Iron Man'** by Ted Hughes. We will be exploring plot and characters within this text and thinking about the images created by the language used. The children will be writing diary entries, predicting parts of the story and rewriting sections. We will be continuing our learning on sentence and word types and will be learning how to break writing down into paragraphs. The children will be engaged in different writing activities throughout this unit; they will be engaged in a longer writing task at the end of the unit which will help to form part of our assessments. Please see the Weekly Overviews for more detail of our specific learning each week.

**Science:** Our topic is **Rocks**. We will be learning about different types of rocks and the properties of each.

**Topic:** We are learning about the Ancient Egyptians this half term. We will be looking at this period in history and researching different areas of life in Ancient Egypt including the food they ate, how they built the pyramids and the process of mummification.

**Spelling:** This half term the children will start to bring home spellings to learn over a two week period. They will be tested on these words by the teacher as part of the spelling and handwriting carousel. These words will be high frequency words and are differentiated according to your child's needs. A more detailed letter about how this will work is coming home soon.

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**

**Requests:** If you haven't already done so, please make sure you have a read of the letter the Admin team send home with reminders about communication with the school. It's vital that we have correct information about your child to ensure their safety and well-being. Please make sure you've returned the permission slip for your child to go on school trips. Thank you

**PE:** For some PE sessions the children are using the MUGA outside and therefore need to have suitable warm clothes to wear that they can get changed into. They need to get into the habit of changing for sports activities so they must bring a separate change of clothes and not just wear what they come to school in.

**Dates for your diaries**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – half term holiday, school closed for all children

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – first day of Summer Term

Please do come and speak to us about any questions that you have.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 Team

**Headteacher Leon Choueke**

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