



January 2019

Dear parent/carer

Welcome back to all our pupils, and their families, after the Christmas break. We hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils. It is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that the planner is used to record daily reading at home. Please also ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled. So far there has been minimal lost property in the Year 3 area and we are trying hard to maintain this.

Over the next term in our topic sessions, pupils will be studying Extreme Earth in Geography, followed by Early Man to the Iron Age in History. Pupils will learn how the world was slowly discovered, how the very first people on Earth lived and how to gather information from a variety of sources. Pupils will learn the causes of volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and extreme weather and understand the structure of the Earth.

In their Science learning, pupils will focus on Forces and Magnets and the development of their scientific enquiry and practical skills. They will explore the strengths of magnets as well as researching how magnets are used in our everyday lives. Pupils will gain an understanding of how electromagnets work by planning and carrying out scientific testing.

In Design Technology, pupils will be producing mechanical posters. This will give pupils the opportunity to develop their understanding of mechanical systems. They will follow instructions on how to construct and evaluate different lever and linkage mechanisms. After completing their mechanisms, pupils will design and make a poster that incorporates a chosen mechanism before evaluating their finished product.

In Art and Design, pupils will explore using different art techniques using pastels. They will experiment with colour and will use artists from the past to influence their own work.

Forthcoming Events

Parent consultations will take place on Tuesday 12 March and Thursday 21 March.

It has been a pleasure for the Year 3 team to work with the children so far this academic year and we all look forward to a positive and successful spring term. The term ends on Friday 5 April.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bruguier and Miss Williamson 3BW

Mr Donald 3RD

Mrs Porter 3RP

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