



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER – Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term. Once again, we have an action-packed few weeks planned! This term, our topic is 'Polar Explorers' and we will be finding out all about Antarctica and some of the key figures in history who have ventured to both the South and North Poles. In science, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets.

Please see the attached curriculum box for a detailed breakdown of what we will be covering across the subject areas.

Also attached are ideas for this half-term's homework project. The children produced some wonderful work last term and really enjoyed sharing their projects with the class. Thanks to all your support with this as well as with reminding your child to practise their spellings each week!

The spelling test will continue to be on a **Monday** followed by a short dictation on a **Tuesday** to help reinforce the children's learning. New spellings will now go out on a **Wednesday**. Please ask your children to keep hold of their spelling practice sheets until the following Monday so that they can take a look at them in the evening or morning before the test.

In addition, please encourage your children to keep practising their times tables on a regular basis. This can be done with online games (topmarks.co.uk is a good site), books/worksheets and/or learning songs. If your child does not yet fully know their x2, x 5 and x10 these must be secure before moving onto learning x 3 and x 4. If they are confident with these, then x 6 and x 8 are the next to learn.

Thanks too for continuing to read with your child as much as possible.

P.E this term will continue to be on a Tuesday morning (Yoga) and will also be on a Wednesday afternoon (Tennis). Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for both sessions, especially trainers or plimsolls for tennis. Please also make sure that your child has a reusable water bottle. These are emptied out each day and should then go home on a Friday to be cleaned.

We will be going on two trips this term. On **Thursday 21st November** we are going to Dulwich College to see the *James Caird*, the small boat used by Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew to seek help after their main expedition ship, *Endurance*, sunk.

There will also be a Christmas trip (details tbc).

Letters with information about both trips will follow soon.

Best wishes,
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