



## Spring 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January** – Clubs begin.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – PTA Disco.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – Reception, Years 1 & 2 Mums' Breakfast.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 trip to Unicorn Theatre.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Half term. Children return to school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.

### OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

The children seemed to really enjoy our focus on the Greek myths and were certainly very knowledgeable about the themes and characters by the end. We hope you have found a place to proudly display the mosaic clocks sent home towards the end of last term!

### NEW TOPIC

Our topic for this half term is called 'Creatures of the Night' and is great for all our animal lovers! In art, they will be using owls as inspiration. In ICT, the children will be linking coding skills to the use of Micro:Bits.

### SPELLING

This term, our focus will be on contracted forms (e.g. haven't, don't, shouldn't), words with double consonants (e.g. stopped, running) and homophones (e.g. hear/here, their/there/they're).

## Year 3 Learning Letter

### LITERACY

Firstly, the children will be exploring poetry on themes linked to our topic: nocturnal animals, night. Later in the topic, we will be looking at different non-fiction genres used in information books and creating our own.

### ORACY

The current focus for the children's oracy is a particular interest that they have. They are welcome to bring things connected to their interest with them and to have written something down that they read out. (3E are half way through this round and the dates have been sent out to those doing it this half-term. 3M dates will be sent out soon). Please support your child with preparing and practising their oracy, as it's intended to be more formal than just delivering something 'off the cuff'.

### MATHS

Key learning for this term will be multiplication and division, measuring (linked to money, length and perimeter), statistics and fractions. My Maths tasks will continue to be set every Friday.

### SCIENCE

Light and shadows is the unit focus for this half term. We will focus on light sources and reflectors, formation and changing of shadows, and the properties of materials that cast shadows.

### THANKYOU!

The Year 3 team (teachers and TAs) would like to express our thanks for the cards and gifts received at the end of term- never expected, but very much appreciated!

Hope you all enjoyed some quality family time over Christmas.

THE YEAR 3 TEAM