

## Spring 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*World Hijab Day - 1st February*

*Children's Mental Health Week - 6th -12th February*

*Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 7th February*

*Last day of term - Friday 10th February*

*Half term - Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February.*

*Start of Spring 2 - Monday 20th February*

### OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

*The children seemed to really enjoy our literacy focus on the Greek myths and were certainly very knowledgeable about the themes and characters by the end.*

### NEW TOPIC

*Our topic for this half term is called 'Creatures of the Night' and is great for all our animal lovers! Using our cross-curricular approach, in D.T., for example, they will be designing and making nocturnal animal shadow puppets and in Science they will be exploring shadows. If your child is up for a home project, then creating a little book about a nocturnal animal of their choice would be a great idea and can be added to the display of topic books in class, or they could create a model of a nocturnal animal in a habitat scene.*

## Year 3 Learning Letter

### ENGLISH

*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 about nocturnal animals. Our whole class reader this term is 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'.*

*Home spellings were sent home before Christmas (prefix re-) and are due to be tested on 13<sup>th</sup> January.*

### MATHS

*We will be continuing with addition and subtraction, leading to column methods. Our fluency facts focus will be the 3x table. Maths Home Learning will continue to be set every Friday, starting next week (13<sup>th</sup> Jan). It is due in on Wednesdays. Your child should also be accessing TTRockstars regularly.*

### SCIENCE

*Light and shadows is the unit focus for this half term (light sources and reflectors, formation and changing of shadows, properties of materials that cast shadows-opaque, translucent, transparent).*

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

*The dates for outdoor learning are as follows:*

*3E - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January and 25<sup>th</sup> January*

*3G - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February*

### THANKYOU!

*The Year 3 team would like to express our thanks again 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 the holiday.*

**THE YEAR 3 TEAM**