

## Spring 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Beanstalk Storyteller visit for Year 3 - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

World Hijab Day - Thursday 1st February

Mental Health Week - Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Spring disco / last day of half term - Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb

Half term - Mon 12<sup>th</sup> February - Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Start of Spring 2 - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

### OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

The children have been thoroughly steeped in Britain's prehistory, comparing life in Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age times. They also seemed to really enjoy our reading of the Greek myths. We hope you enjoyed their winter productions - we were proud of our young performers - and thanks for your support with costuming!

### NEW TOPIC

Our topic for this half term is called 'Creatures of the Night' and is great for all our animal lovers! In Science, they will be learning about light and shadows, as well as how nocturnal animals are adapted for life in the dark. 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

In writing lessons, the children will be exploring non-fiction, persuasive writing in the form of leaflets for visitor attractions.

Our whole class reading this half term will encompass poetry linked to the theme of night and the fantasy novel Varjak Paw by SF Said.

Home spellings will continue with prefixes to begin with and will be tested fortnightly. The next test will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January.

### MATHS

We will be continuing with place value of numbers. before moving on to right angles and addition. Our fluency facts focus will be the 8x table. Maths Home Learning will continue to be set every Friday. 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).

### PE

Indoor PE Wednesdays (both classes)

Outdoor PE Fridays (both classes)

### OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Golden Garden site needs a rest! Therefore, we will not have outdoor learning sessions this half term, but hopefully after the half term holiday.

### 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