

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful break and a fantastic Christmas.

This term, our theme is 'Journeys and Destinations' and the Topic overview shows all the learning opportunities that your child will be given in school during the next few weeks.

Children are expected to read a minimum of four times a week at home using the reading book which matches their coloured band. Do let us know face-to-face or via Dojo if you feel that they are finding home reading books too easy or too challenging. Children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book from our school library. This may not be matched to their reading ability but is meant to be shared and enjoyed. They will also be taking home a reading record where you can write down how well they have read.

If you would like your child to have a snack at break time, please provide a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables e.g. carrot sticks, apple, banana.

This term's home learning is inside your child's purple Home Learning book. Please feel free to work on as many of the home learning tasks (a minimum of two) at your own pace – we will have a home learning sharing day just before the end of term.

The children are also expected to work on their times tables recall every night. There is a national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer for all Year 4 children so the earlier that your child can recall all their times tables quickly, the better! The expectation by the time of the MTC in Year 4 is that children need to recall each of their times tables within 6 seconds. The earlier that Year 3 children are able to recall all of their times tables, the better! Don't forget that all children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars to help them practise their multiplication tables.

PE kits will need to be bought into school and kept into school for the term. Year 3 do PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. Here is a reminder of the school's PE kit expectations:

- White t-shirt (plain or small logo)
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings (plain or small logo)
- Black sweatshirt (plain or small logo – or school uniform sweatshirt/cardigan is fine)
- Trainers
- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery (earrings removed or covered with tape)

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mrs Dilworth and Miss Ferdous