

## Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a merry Christmas and a happy new year! We had a fantastic first term with the children and are very proud of their performance and how they are settling into key stage two. Our topic this half term is 'May the force be with you'. This is a Science based topic and will be leading up to our Science exhibition towards the end of this half term where the children will get to show you what they have been learning.

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff

## RE

We will be asking the question 'Why do people pray?'

## Supporting your child at home

Please continue to read regularly with your child each week focussing not only on fluency but comprehension skills as well. We will continue with our weekly spell checks and the spelling lists will be continued to be posted on dojo each Monday for a check the following Monday. The words will help the children learn the Year 3 spelling rules. For maths, TTRS and Mathletics can be used at home to help them develop their fluency in recall of their table facts. The children will continue to have a times table test each week and will move to the next set of times tables when appropriate.

We are really pleased with how the children responded so enthusiastically to the homework grid last term. We look forward to seeing what they produce this half term. Remember it is up to you and your child which six activities you decide to complete and when. They can bring completed activities in at any time up to the end of the topic and they will receive 2 dojos for every piece that they complete.

## D.T

This half term, we will be exploring leaver and linkages. We will look at different ways that leavers and linkages can create movement. Through focused tasks, we will learn to build different leavers and linkages. Then, we will incorporate this knowledge into our own product.

## English

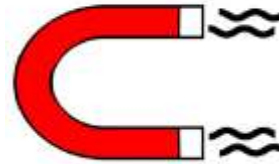
This half term, we will be reading 'Dragon Mountain' by Katie and Kevin Tsang.

We will begin the term by looking at examples of different explanatory texts, before then writing their own text based on their own marvellous machine.

We will then focus on instruction writing where the children will write about how to use leavers and linkages.

## Physical Education

Children need their PE kits on Tuesdays for gymnastics when they will be working towards British Association of Gymnastics Awards. Games takes place Friday afternoon led by Mrs Buchanan. Once they are brought into school, PE and games kits should stay in school until the half term break.



## Music

This half term, we will be looking at music as a narrative and creating our own compositions, recording these as a graphic score and incorporating changes in dynamic and tempo.

## Science

This half term, science will be our main focus. We will be looking at forces. We will do this through various investigatory activities based on pushes and pulls, contact forces, friction, and magnets.

This will build up to our science exhibition where we will invite you to explore some of their investigations with the children as your guides.

## Spanish

We would like to thank Mr Stirling for his amazing Spanish lessons last term. This term, we will endeavour to consolidate this learning using some songs and games within the classroom.

## Computing

This half term, we will be focusing on online safety and spreadsheets.

## Mathematics

As we spent last half-term moving the children onto mental and formal methods of addition and subtraction, we will now be looking at multiplication and division. The children will further develop their knowledge of times tables, practicing quick recall. They will begin to explore strategies for multiplying larger numbers, utilising their tables knowledge.

## PSHE

We will be looking at living in the wider world with a focus on laws, rights and responsibilities.