

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the 2nd half of the Spring term. Can you believe we are halfway through the school year?

Our Learning Away this half term is Geography based. We will be observing the River Leen in Bulwell and carrying out fieldwork studies in the locality. This will take place on Wednesday 18th March. As we will be outside, children will need to wear warm coats and wellingtons if they have them.

We also have a geologist coming on Wednesday 25th February to teach us all about fossils.

Learning together is on Tuesday 17th March and will be based on Geography knowledge and skills.

Keep an eye on your emails, texts and the school website for news of any other exciting events.

P.E days are Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure your child wears the correct kit for PE (see the box below) and removes their earrings.

Kind regards Mrs Lowe and Mrs Eadon.

Reading:

We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading to and with your child **every day**. Home learning expectations are 'Read Every School Day'.

Please make sure that you sign your child's diary **every day** after they have read.

Fluency Targets- By the end of Year 3 children should be reading a **minimum** of **110** words per minutes.

Our new class reader is *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes- one of Mrs Lowe's and Mrs Eadon's favourites.



Attendance – 97% is our MINIMUM expectation

It is vital children attend on time as our learning starts at **8.45am**. We always learn our spellings and have morning maths practise at the start of the day. Children must be on time so do not miss this learning.

Mathematics Learning: length and perimeter, Fractions.

In maths, we will learn how to calculate the perimeter of simple shapes and the correct units of measurement to use when comparing lengths. Additionally, we will be learning about fractions of shapes and numbers and linking this to our prior knowledge of division. We will also be continuing to practise our fluency – pattern spotting and working systematically to solve problems and we will continue to practise our **8x table** this half term – linking it to knowledge of the 2x and 4x.

Please keep on learning and practising your times tables at home.

Year 3 need to know the 3's, 4's and 8's fluently as well as the 2's, 5's and 10's from Year 2.

Visit www.topmarks.co.uk/hitthebutton for fun times tables practise.

Science: Rocks and Soils

This term we will be continuing our learning about rocks and soils and linking it to our geography work on volcanoes. We will learn about different classification of rocks, how they are formed and their different characteristics. Additionally, we will learn about fossils and how they are formed.

We also hope to have a visit from a geologist who can tell us more about fossils.

Key vocabulary: igneous, metamorphic, sedimentary, durable, permeable, erosion, weathering, layers, pressure, fossils



Geographical knowledge learning-

Our new geography unit is **Rivers**.

We will be learning about how rivers are formed, the stages of a river, the location of the longest rivers in the UK, Europe and around the world, the effect of flooding on the environment and people's lives and how people use rivers.

Key Vocabulary: source, courses, springs, tributary, mouth, delta, waterfall, meander, floodplain, dam



PE Days: Wednesday

Your child must come in their PE kit on **Monday and Thursday** this half term.

PE kit is:

Plain red t-shirt

Plain black shorts or joggers NO BRANDED LOGOS OR LEGGINGS.

Trainers or plimsolls

No jewellery can be worn due to health and safety. Please remove earrings or ensure your child can.



