



## Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school for a New Year full of fun and learning in Year 3!

We are very excited about the coming term and the activities that we have planned for your children.

### English

The text we will be studying this term is the Iron Man. We will be focussing on descriptive writing; using similes and adjectives and work on the use of language to create an effect on the reader. We continue to have weekly spelling tests (on a Monday) and we thank you for your continued support in helping children to learn their spellings.

Grammar lessons also remain a weekly focus and aspects of grammar taught in school may form part of the children's Brainbuilders homework.

### Maths

In maths children are making great progress, rising to new challenges and enjoying their success. This term will see them multiplying, dividing, solving measurement problems (including money) as well as practising the skills they have already learned in the 'Daily Five'.

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) (or simply google hit the button) is a great game to help children hone their multiplication skills in a fun and competitive way!

### Explore – Dream - Discover

This term in Geography, we will be learning about earthquakes, how they happen and the effects they have on the people around them - as inspired by our class text 'The Iron Man'. We will also be designing, building and testing earthquake proof structures in Design and Technology.

Year 3's Science topic for this term is Animals and Humans. Last term, the children delighted all the teaching staff with their enthusiasm for Science and their thoughtful approach to designing experiments and analysing them afterwards. We are looking forward to more of the same this year.

This term will also see us take advantage of what our city has to offer. We will learn all about our community and its industrial past in Spring 2 when we visit The Etruria Museum (more information to follow).

## Reading, Spellings and Brainbuilders

Reading remains a priority and all children should be reading 5 times per week. Please make sure that reading books come to school every day.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those children who consistently read, complete their Brainbuilders and practice their spellings. It really makes a difference and supports their learning.

If you have any queries concerning homework, please contact your child's teacher via Dojo.

## PE

Our P.E. this term will involve netball and gymnastics. P.E. continues to take place on Monday afternoons for all classes and for this half term, it will often be outdoors so please make sure children wear a PE hoody, coat, plain navy/black/dark grey jogging bottoms and outdoor trainers.

Should you wish to contact us, please do so via Class Dojo.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Cadwallader, Mrs Pendlebury and Mrs Durkin

