



# Plumcroft Primary School

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring Term and the New Year. We hope you have all had a good winter break and start to the term and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning experiences.

Our School Day **starts when the gates open at 8:40am** with valuable reading lessons and a chance for children to respond to their teacher's marking – so please make sure that your child is on time and ready to start learning!

## PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the following days:

3J – Wednesday

3S – Thursday

3A - Friday

3C – Thursday

3MB – Friday

In **Literacy** this term, our main text will be Myths, Legends and Folktales.

During the second half term, the children will explore Mr Stink by David Walliams.

We will be writing a variety of text types: stories, letters and persuasive writing.

Your child will need to read their AR books for at least 20 minutes **every day** (sometimes aloud to you) and practise spellings.

## You can help by...

\*Asking your child what text type they are writing and getting them to explain the features of that text type.

\*Reading with your child as often as possible, asking them detailed questions about the text and what they think will happen next.

\*Practising spellings from the Year 3/4 list provided and others given by class teachers and using these words in context.

\*Read non-fiction books on **myON** using their logins.



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In **Maths** this term, Year 3 will learn about fractions, time, shape and measure as well as developing the four operations and exploring word problems. We will develop mental maths strategies in class. The children will also apply this knowledge to real-life problems.

Please ensure that your child regularly practises their times tables with a focus on 3x, 4x and 8x and how these facts link to division, as well as recapping 2x, 5x and 10x. Every child has a **Mathletics** and **Freckle Maths** username and login. These should be used regularly.

### You can help by...

- \*Asking your child what methods and facts they have learned in maths and encouraging them to demonstrate these to you.
- \*Practise telling the time both digital and analogue.
- \*Practising quick-fire multiplication tables and the associated division facts e.g.  $4 \times 3 = 12$ , so  $3 \times 4 = 12$ ,  $12 \div 3 = 4$  and  $12 \div 4 = 3$
- \*Helping your child online to explore **Mathletics** and **Freckle Maths**.

In **Science** this term, Year 3 will be investigating 'Forces and Magnets'.

Later in the term, we will be learning about 'Light'. The children will participate in various experiments where they will be asked to work collaboratively, make and record observations and present their findings using scientific vocabulary.

### You can help by...

- \*Asking your child what they have been learning about and reading up on these using **myON**, science books and websites.
- \*Encouraging your child to demonstrate any practical investigations that we have explored in the classroom.
- \*Watching and discussing, as a family, science and nature documentaries on TV.

In **History** this term, Year 3 will be learning about Ancient Greece. In the second part of the term, they will be learning about The Romans. The children will learn about primary and secondary sources, ways of life in the past and how ancient civilisations have impacted our lives today.

### You can help by...

- \* Discussing the impact of the Roman Empire on our lives today.
- \* Study Roman and Greek art, music and culture.
- \* Where possible, visiting a museum or place of interest.
- \*Research using books and websites.
- \* Explore the range of resources available on **Purple Mash**.

If you have any other questions or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, Miss Craggs, Year Group Lead, or Assistant Head for KS2, Mr Witham.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Craggs, Mr Jack, Mrs Melchor-Bray, Mrs Shaw, Mr Slate

