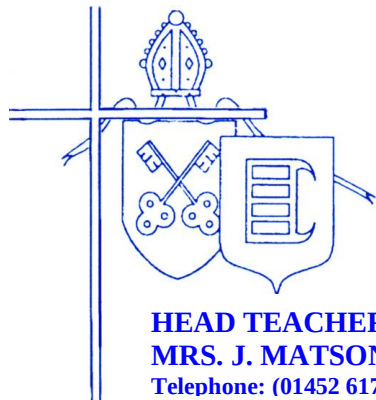




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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

Welcome back I hope you all had a restful break.

We have an exciting term ahead! The class have settled really well into Year 3 and I am impressed with their commitment to their learning and their enthusiasm across the curriculum.

Mrs Gent and Mrs Marsh continue to support Y3 and will be supporting groups for Maths and English work. Mrs Gisby will continue teaching RE and French on Thursday afternoons to cover my PPA (planning, preparation, and assessment time).

Our topic this term is 'Electrify', an in-depth science topic about electricity and light. All the coverage is available through our knowledge organisers which are on the school website. We hope to visit Skills Zone later in the term to extend our learning in a specialist workshop- details to follow. The topic will be incorporated in subjects across the curriculum where possible.

English will focus on reading for pleasure and comprehension skills as we continue to move from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'. Reading comprehension is the skill assessed throughout KS2, where children learn to read for meaning. It is therefore less common for children to be heard read individually as they are now taught as a whole class or in small groups. The focus is on teaching and learning the 6 reading domains;

Vocabulary
Inference
Prediction
Explanation
Retrieval
Summary

VIPERS lessons happen daily, and reading is a golden thread throughout our curriculum so opportunities to be heard read or to hear others read is frequent. To this end children do not need to bring reading books unless they need changing, which we are happy to do daily. Please continue to read at home as this has a **huge** impact and ensure reading records are brought in on **Fridays every week** so the children can be rewarded for their efforts.

Maths will build on basic skills with a focus this term on multiplication/division, length/perimeter, fractions and mass/capacity. Children are expected to know X2, X5, X10 tables by the end of Y2. In Y3 we build on



this and children should also know X3, X4, X8 by the end of the year. Times Tables Rock Stars is a great way to practise these so please ensure this is completed at home regularly.

Our Christian values this term are 'Courage' and 'Justice'. In RE we will be looking at 'What is it like to be a humanist in the UK today' and 'Do all Christians believe and behave in the same way? Exploring diversity'.

PE will take place on Wednesday and children should wear their school PE uniform to school on PE days – their team PE top, a navy or black tracksuit (hoodie and tracksuit bottoms) and trainers. We will be doing gymnastics inside to start the term and going outside for netball lessons later in the term so wrap up warm!

Computing will focus on 'Creating Media' and 'Data and Information'. In CPSHE we will be thinking about 'Healthy Lifestyles'.

Homework will continue to be Reading, Timetables Rockstars and Ed Shed(spelling). Logins remain the same, please let me know if you experience any difficulties logging on. Class Dojo is up and running so please connect if you haven't yet done so.

Please be aware KS2 children need to bring their own snacks for morning breaktime. Their snack should consist of fresh or dried fruit, healthy snack bars only (no nuts please due to allergies) and school water bottles only please.

If, at any time, you have concerns regarding your child or wish to discuss anything, then please do not hesitate to phone, or email the school office to contact me.

Kind Regards
Miss Joyce
Year 3 class teacher