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Dear Parents/Carers (and children!),

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school after the Christmas break. We hope you had a lovely time and are back feeling refreshed and raring to go!

P.E.

Both year 3 classes will have P.E. lessons on Wednesday afternoons up until the half-term (w/c 9th February). After this, PE will change to every Monday (w/c 23rd February). Children should come to school dressed in their kit. Lessons will take place both inside the hall and outside. PE kits should include: dark bottoms, a white t-shirt and sensible sport shoes alongside a school jumper. This will be closely monitored this year. **Please ensure hair is tied up and earrings are removed on this day.**

Spring 1 – Cricket and Gymnastics

Spring 2 – Dance and Tag Rugby

Water Bottles and snacks

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle. We will ensure that it is brought home each day for a quick clean and a refill. Healthy snacks are welcome for break times.

Homework

Homework will be set weekly **and should be completed by the following week.**

Homework will consist of:

- **Reading:** 30 minutes per week, please sign your child's personal organiser next to the title and pages read to show this has been completed.
- **Times Table Rockstars** – 10 games per week (Times tables rehearsal and progress is monitored weekly in class). Due in on a Friday for Wolves and a Tuesday for Mammoths.
- **Spelling Shed** – 10 games per week set each Tuesday based on the new spelling rule.

For spelling shed, please do not download the app (it is not free), instead use the website version.

Children's login details for TTRS and Spelling shed are in their personal organisers. We understand that it can sometimes be difficult to motivate your child to complete their homework but appreciate your support with this. We also recognise the work that children put into their homework and therefore, each week, we will set time aside to reward those who have completed it all.

Topic

Our new topic this term is Scrumdiddlyumptious, which covers lots of things chocolate and food related, as well as the ancient Mayan people who were the first known users of cacao.

Accelerated Reader

All children will be given a library book to take home and read. Please ensure library books and personal organisers are returned to school each day. Regular assessments using the Accelerated Reader Scheme select a reading range for your child's reading book. Once they have completed their library book, the children take a quiz (only at school) to check their comprehension of the text and scores are then recorded in personal organisers. Further details on this scheme will be explained at the Autumn term parents evening. If you have any questions regarding your child's book, please contact their teacher.

Communication

Within year 3 our class teachers are, Mrs Smith, Miss Oldnall and Miss Isherwood. Our Teaching Assistants are, Mrs Hall, Miss Hault, Mrs Topley, Mrs Bonnington, Miss Cundy, Miss Cook and Mrs Whittaker. We also have welcomed Miss Warner, a student teacher, into Wolves who will be teaching across the year group this term. As a team, we aim to keep in contact with you and regularly try to share what we have been doing in class, our social media pages and the Seesaw app.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions through email, phone, Seesaw or in person.

Thank you for your support!

Year 3 team.

