Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope that your family enjoyed the Christmas break. This letter gives you an outline of the topics your child will be learning in the Spring Term and what you can do at home to help and encourage them.

A date for your diary – the year three show will be on Wednesday 1st April, more information will follow.

**English**
The children will be writing in these different styles; play scripts, explanation, reports and poetry including Haikus over the term.

As you know, the standard of presentation for written work at Cranbourne is very high and this term we are beginning to award points towards pen licences. Children can become disappointed if their work falls short of this mark so please continue to encourage and support your child with their handwriting.

In spelling, we work on spelling conventions in daily sessions. It will be beneficial to the children to see these words regularly at home. Please see the website for the spelling lists that we discussed at the September meeting.

We will continue to read in regular class sessions, but will still welcome parent helpers to assist with daily reading support for individuals. Please speak to us if you can volunteer to help out first thing in the morning!

**Targets for Writing:**
To begin to use words from the year 3 and 4 common exception list.
Use full stops, capital letters, inverted commas, commas in lists consistently and write in paragraphs.

A very useful website is: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools) (click on primary)

**Library visits** will continue to be on Fridays.

**Maths**
In maths the children will be continuing to work on the topics of number, place value, calculation strategies (+ - x ÷), fractions (including decimals) and data handling. The children will be using their knowledge to solve problems. Please see the curriculum map on the website for further information and useful links including games. Your child should aim to log in to Times Tables Rockstars for a least five minutes every day. They also have their tables practise booklet which should be completed daily and returned to school on Mondays.

**Targets for Maths:**
Add/subtract two 2 digit numbers mentally.
Know 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10 x tables and the related division facts.
Know doubles, halves and quarters of numbers.

Useful websites include:
[https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button)
Science
This term we will be learning about rocks, soils & fossils and plants.

History
The children will be completing our study of the Romans and looking at how they influenced life in Britain.

Geography
We will be learning about the Geography of Italy. We will be learning about the landscape, farming, transport and comparing this to the geography of the UK.

Art
Our focus is to develop our drawing skills in a range of different media including painting and collage. Please ensure your child has a named art apron in school.

PSHE
We will be learning about how a community works together, the role money plays within our lives and how to keep safe online and in the kitchen.

French
This term we will be learning about various landmarks in Paris and learning some conversational French, which will include numbers and some yes/no questions.

PE
We will be working to improve our basketball, netball, dance and gymnastic skills. Please ensure your child’s PE kit is named and in school every day, trainers are essential as we aim to run daily. As we go out in all weathers, could you ensure that your children have a spare pair of socks as part of their kit.

D&T
This term our topic will be based around healthy eating and a balanced diet. Part of this learning will involve the children making a pizza using the cookery rooms at John Warner School.

Home Learning and Spellings
Please continue to help your child learn the information sent home within the knowledge organisers, the children will be tested and taught this information within school. As a reminder, you can find knowledge organisers and spelling lists on the year 3 page of the school website. If you have lost previous knowledge organisers these can be found at the bottom of the year 3 class page of the website - https://www.cranbourne.herts.sch.uk/year-3-4/.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see your child’s class teacher. Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Warren and Mr Kerry Carter