Happy New Year...

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a fantastic Christmas break and are keen to kick start the New Year.

It is going to be a great half term with lots of exciting new learning opportunities for the children.

As usual, the last half term was a busy one, with children enjoying 'The Romans' topic as well as decorating the hall with our Christmas stars.

This Half term........

Maths

This half term we will be continuing to cover the National Curriculum, looking at:

- Statistics
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry – angles
- Measurement - shape
- Time

As always we encourage children to continue to practice their times tables and number bonds. Children should be secure in their times tables both in and out of order and answer with speed and accuracy. By the end of year 3 the children need to be able to recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables.

English

The book focus for this half term will be 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. The children will be focusing on a range of genres including poetry and letters.

We are continuing to ensure that children take pride in their work and presentation.

Reading plays a key role in your child’s learning, it is really important that they read on a regular basis, this will help them with their vocabulary and 'ideas' for their own writing.
Our new topic for this half term is ‘Food Glorious Food!’ During this topic the children will be learning all about where our food comes from, what a balanced diet is and why humans need the food we eat. We will also be tasting different types of fruits and even making our own savoury dish!

In Science, we will be exploring animals including humans: looking at foods we eat, and our skeleton.

During R.E. we will be learning about Sikhism. This includes a visit to the Gurdwara; a letter will be sent out in due course.

For PE, this term, 3J will be swimming, 3L will be doing tag rugby and dance and 3S will be doing cricket and athletics. Again, please make sure that PE kit, including trainers, are in school. As it is still very cold, please ensure children have a pair of tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE and your child wears a winter coat to school too.

**Reminders:**

- Please can we remind you that all children should be reading regularly and writing detailed comments in their reading records at least 3 times a week. They can use the sticker at the front of their reading records to help them write the comments. This is part of their homework and needs to be completed on a weekly basis.

- Please ensure that your child has a small purse or wallet in order for them to carry their money as we encourage the children to keep their money on them at all times and not leave it in their coats, bags or trays.

If you do have any questions or queries about anything please feel free to contact us.

With thanks,

The Year 3 Team.