

# Class 3 Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

## Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a great start to the New Year. I loved hearing all the children's stories of Christmas and we are getting busy with lots of new learning.

### Our Topics in School

This term we will be looking at a number of new topics some of which are detailed below.

English – Egyptian Cinderella	RW – Founders of Faith
History - Ancient Egypt	Art – Sculpture
Geography – Settlements	DT – Mechanisms & Structures
Computing - Coding	French – ilanguages
Science – Year 3 – Forces and Magnets	Science – Year 4 – Electricity, Animals and Habitats

### Guided Reading



Our new text for Guided Reading this term is called **Planet Omar – Accidental Trouble Magnet**. Last term some of the children bought their own copy of the text and have talked of buying our latest one.

It is not necessary to buy a copy as we have enough for one between two but I know some of the children like to have their own.

### Maths - Plea for Help – Times tables

Recently, both year groups have been working on multiplication in Maths, in order to fully learn their times tables by heart, the children need to have regular practice at home. Please try to build this into your routine.

The children all have access to Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash (log ins can be found in their reading logs) which contain a range of games and [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) also includes some fun alternatives.

We will check who has been accessing TTRockstars regularly and be awarding class dojo points.

### Reading

I hope you are enjoying the range of reading books that the children are bringing home. I am constantly changing the books on offer to the children in order to really build that love of reading. Please feel free to chat to me if you would like any advice on books your child can read at home.

Please continue to record reading daily in your child's home school record book. We are happy for the children to write down their own reading in their logs and we welcome comments linked to the events in the books. If they are recording independently, please ensure there is an **adult signature each week**.

As a school, we aim for **at least 3 entries each week**. All logs will be looked at **on a Friday**, but we will continue to change reading books any day of the week as long as it is recorded in the log with an adult signature.

### PE

This term, Class 3 need to come to school in their PE kit **on a Monday and a Wednesday** – on a Monday we will be working on football skills outside. Please ensure your child has a change of shoes and also a woolly hat and gloves if it is cold.

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries, no matter how big or small. Feel free to email or catch me before/after school. I look forward to continue working with you and your child.

Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely **Mrs Altoft**

