## Weekly News – 14th September 2018

# Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the highlights this week, was our trip to Thames Young Mariners where the children all took part in a variety of challenging outdoor activities which focused on developing their collaborative skills. We were particularly pleased to see their developing understanding of compass directions and map reading skills; this will be consolidated in our Geography topic this halfterm.

In English, we have launched our work based around the story of *The Egg*, with the children planning the design for their own papier maché egg and learning to use rich descriptive techniques to paint the story in the reader's mind. We have been learning how to use *adverbs*, how to expand simple *noun phrases* using adjective and more specific detail about the noun in a sentence, as well as *prepositions* of both place and time.

By now all the children have had their first couple of French lessons, learning to introduce themselves; a lot of fun was had by all, trying to pronounce the *ou* sound in true gorilla fashion!

Next week, could your child bring a bright, working torch (named) ready for our Science lesson.

Thank you

Year Three Team 😳

### **Homework Reminder**

**Spelling:** This week, we have learnt what a prefix is and have been learning to spell words with *un-* and *dis-*. Keep practising at home; your child has also been given a sheet (also incl. *mis-*) to be completed and stuck into their English homework books.

<u>Book Covering:</u> We would be grateful if you could cover (no decorations) your child's English and two Maths books in <u>transparent</u> plastic <u>and</u> return them to school again on Monday.

<u>Times tables:</u> The children have all had a 2x and divide by 2 quiz this week. Please recap these at home, out of sequence and applying in context. Here is a link to an interactive game for practising tables - have fun! <u>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</u>



## **Date Reminder**

We still have a few outstanding flu-vaccination forms; please hand these back to class teachers ASAP.

**Recorder** lessons start next **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept**. If your child has their own, please bring it in.

#### Announcements

PE days

**Beech** – Tuesday and Wednesday

Elm – Tuesday and Wednesday

**Rowan** – Monday and Wednesday

Although these are the allocated days, this does sometimes have to change due to trips and other events, so please ensure that your child has their kit in school at all times. **Please note that your child may come home still wearing their PE kits on Wednesdays; could you please return these the following day.**