

Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers

In English this week, we have started drafting, editing and writing paragraphs about the *Iron Man*. Our focus is on keeping verbs in the **past tense**, **expanded noun phrases** (*stiff legs* or *large, metallic head*), **comparative adjectives**, **similes** and using fonts for effect.

In Maths, we have been learning how to use the bar model to support our choice of operation when solving worded problems. If you would like to find out more about the *bar model* for gaining a secure understanding of number, please do look this up online. For your information, we will apply this also to, multiplication and division, as well as to fraction work in the spring.

In Geography, we have continued to develop our understanding of map symbols and have practised answering questions about different types of maps.

Thank you for all the wonderful Science homework. Over the next few weeks, all children will have the opportunity to share/present their work to the class.

As part of a whole school project, the children have been introduced to UNICEF's *Rights Respecting Schools'* programme. Look out for further details on the school's main newsletter in the coming weeks.

☺ The Year 3 Team

Homework

English

This week, we are setting a BBC link to an interactive activity on using *expanded noun phrases* to help make our writing more interesting. Please go through this together with your child.

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/z3nfw6f>

Times tables

Please continue to practise the times tables to 12, ensuring that your child learns the division facts as well.

The 'order' for learning is as follows:

(Yr 2) 2,10,5 (Yr 3) 3, 4, 8 (Yr 4) 6, 7, 9, 11, 12



Date Reminders

We are still awaiting all replies and payments for our trip to the Natural History Museum.

Deadline reminder: 15th November

Announcements

As you may have noticed, your child regularly brings home English skills or Maths activity sheets; these are intended to help give you an idea of what we have been practising recently. Feel free to support your child if it is evident that they have struggled but please note that they are not to be seen as extra homework. Your child does not need to bring these types of sheets back to school again.

Junk modelling Iron Men!

Please start to collect cardboard boxes and tubes in preparation for our D&T session where we will be making Iron Men in small groups! This will be by needed for Thursday next week. Thank you ☺