

# Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers

In English this week, we have been independently writing an 'agony-aunt' letter from Manyara's point of view (One of *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*). We have continued discussing how the character of Manyara is feeling throughout the story and empathising with her. We have also been delving deeper into the story to answer thought-provoking questions about Mufaro and his family.

In Maths, we have started our new topic of multiplication and division by making equal groups of numbers in the 3 times table. Working practically, the children have deepened their understanding of multiplication being repeated addition. At the end of the week, the children have developed their understanding of division being *both* the dividing of an amount into, e.g. 3 equal groups and of grouping an amount into equal groups of 3 (e.g. 18 can be shared into 3 equal groups of 6 OR grouped into 6 lots of 3). The answer is of course the same (!) but the concepts are different and this will become highly important for future work on fractions and long division.

Elm class enjoyed performing their assembly yesterday and would like to say a big thank you to parents for their support. What a lovely way to start the festive period ☺

☺ The Year 3 Team

## Homework

**English:** We have recently taught the children to recognise and use the *present perfect* tense and so they have been given a sheet to practise this. Please complete on the sheet and **stick into** the English homework book.

**Times tables:** This week's focus is consolidation of 3s, 4s and 8s to support our current work in Maths lessons both on multiplying and dividing.

**Spelling:** Remember a random word test is planned for the final two weeks of term.

**Reading:** Keep listening to your child read, questioning them about plot and characters. Please also encourage them to write comments in the reading section of their home-school diaries.



## Date Reminders

Please can we remind you that the Christmas Concert reply slips need to be handed in by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Tate Britain photo day. All children to wear school uniform. Hair accessories need to be minimal (school policy).

## Announcements

We would like to encourage all the children to practise the songs for the Christmas Concert. Words for the songs were given out last week.

### Class assemblies

Beech - 9.00 am on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Extra spelling information for some children:** This week, we have tested the Year 1 and 2 National Curriculum common exception words. As a result, *some* children will soon be bringing home a list of words with highlighting indicating the words that still need to be practised. Please look out for this sheet. We will support your child with learning these 'catch-up' spellings in class, but any help that you are able to give at home would be greatly appreciated.