

Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to meet with so many parents this week; please do get in touch if there is anything that you would like further information about.

This week in Maths, we have started our new topic on addition and subtraction. Teaching for in-depth understanding of concepts often involves using practical resources to support reasoning. The children are constantly being challenged to use accurate mathematical language in the explanation of their thinking, e.g. **exchanging** 10 **ones** for one **ten** or seeing the importance of zero as a **placeholder**. To keep you in the loop, here is an example of a task from this week:

Always, Sometimes, Never

When 7 and 5 are added together in the ones column, the digit in the ones column of the answer will always be 2

What other digits would always give a 2 in the ones column? Prove it.

In English, we have started work on non-fiction writing by using factual noun phrases about dragons and by learning to use *comparative* adjectives, using both the suffixes -er/-est and more/the most. If your child normally tends to seek out fiction books, it would be a good idea to visit the local library to borrow some *children's* information books. In our experience, the more formal style of writing can be quite a challenge to adopt.

We can scarcely believe that there is less than a week left of this half term!

Year Three Team ☺

Homework Reminder

Mathletics: We have set another few activities, which reinforce what the children have been learning in school. The due date is Tuesday 5th November. Please see the reminder about the 'old' homework...



Date Reminder

Please note that Friday 25th October is an INSET day.

Mathletics homework was set two weeks' ago and there are still a number of children who have not yet made a start. Please speak to your teacher if you have no access to a computer.

Announcements

PE kit: Please check that your child has a complete PE kit suitable for the colder months. They should have tracksuit tops (their school jumper or fleece is not an ideal) and bottoms in a plain, dark colour (no logos), white T-shirt and suitable trainers. Girls who wear tights should also have a pair of socks to change into. All earrings must be covered with tape for safety.

Please check over half-term that trainers still fit. Remember to bring the full kits in on the first day back – 6th November.

Spelling: The children should now be revising the list of *homophones* for testing next week. If you have lost your spelling list, please ask your class teacher for another one.

Reading: We would like to remind you and the children that they should be reading on a daily basis and writing comments in their diaries throughout the week. Please both hear your child read *to you*, as well as read *to them*.

Homework Share: We would like to thank you for supporting your child in completing their homework. We were all delighted to see and hear the children present their efforts to the class today – well done, Year 3!