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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

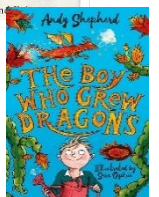
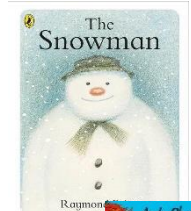
Wow! We have all enjoyed a successful start back to school, kick started our learning and had lots of fun along the way. The children have come back to school settled and ready to learn, and it has certainly paid off over the last 6 weeks. Throughout Term 1, we have learned about Villages, Towns and Cities in Geography, explored magnets in Science and sewn our own pencil cases in Design and Technology. Next term, Year 3 will begin their 'Railways' area of study, which has particular links to History. The children will explore what impact the railways had on Britain during the industrial revolution and understand how steam trains changed the lives of British people. They will discuss the life of Sir Francis Drake, his voyages and accomplishments and begin to think about what it would like to live during the Tudor times.

In **History**, we'll be learning:

- Who Isambard Kingdom Brunel is.
- What was discovered in the Industrial Revolution.
- How steam engines work.
- How the first underground was constructed.
- Discuss and understand what railways are like today.



In **English**, the children's first unit of writing in Term 2 will be based on a 'Modern Fiction' called 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs, where they will build on writing sentences using capital letters, full stops, and impressive adjectives. Later in the term, the children will explore the poetry in 'I know someone' by Michael Rosen. In their **Whole Class Reading** sessions, the children will be reading 'The Nothing to here see Hotel', 'Piggy Hero' and 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons'.



In **Maths**, the children will be continuing to build and develop their knowledge in addition and subtraction, before moving onto looking at multiplication and division towards the end of Term 2.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be learning about rocks. They will be recognising that soils are made of rocks and organic matter. The children will also begin to compare different types of rocks based on their appearance and similar physical features.

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Learning at Home

In Year 3, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week** and you can support your child by recording these reads on BoomReader. Your child will also need to ensure they are **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE for Term 2 will now take place on a **Thursday** for all three classes. Therefore, please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Due to lots of the sessions taking place outdoors, please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on site on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes,
Miss. Bruce, Miss. Mason, Miss. Coles and the Year 3 Team

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