

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful term it has been! We have completed a great deal of learning since returning after Christmas and had a lot of fun. The children continue to work hard throughout the year group and grow more and more each day. We honestly can't quite believe that we are now halfway through the year, where has that time gone! But we continue to look forward to the rest of the year and the fantastic learning we have planned.

The children have absolutely thrived in forest school this term. Although reluctant to get muddy at first, after a few weeks they began to really enjoy getting stuck in, getting down in the mud (washing machines around Loose can breathe a sigh of relief) and exploring nature. As teachers there were times that they came back to the classroom, and we weren't sure whether it was the children or a room full of mud monsters! But it was truly wonderful to see them enjoying themselves and coming back to class raving about what they had learnt. Thank you very much for all your efforts in providing the children with the appropriate clothing and ensuring it was ready to get muddy again for the week after, we and the children really appreciated your efforts.

Over the last few weeks in writing, we have been continuing to prepare our persuasive debate focusing on reasons why people should live in Sparta. This has all been leading up to a nail-biting debate between the children and the teachers which was a lovely opportunity to share our learning across the three classrooms. The children did find this unit a challenge, and our value of determination was displayed throughout this entire unit, but the outcome was worth it. The children prepared great arguments to prove their points and communicated this beautifully during our debates today.

In maths, we have continued focusing on multiplication and division. Mainly looking at dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. As normal we began with a lot of practical work using a variety of resources such as place value counters and dienes to support their understanding and then began progressing to answering a mixed range of questions. The children have done very well and are beginning to understand these tricky concepts. It would be very helpful for them to continue practicing their times tables as often as they can, having this knowledge comfortably embedded in their long-term memory will really support them with this learning and future learning.

In history this week we have finished off our Ancient Greek topic, the children have enjoyed learning about how Ancient Greece continues to influence us today. The children were quite shocked at just how much of the Ancient Greek world is surrounding us such as the Olympic Games, language like 'EUREKA!', the alphabet and even medicine. They then created a mind map laying out everything Ancient Greece has had an influence on.



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Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parent's evening, it was lovely to see and share with you how wonderfully your children are getting on at school. We hope that you all have a lovely and restful half term, and we look forward to seeing you back next term.

Best wishes,
The Year Three Team