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Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

We've had a great time in Year 3! We have all been practising our Christmas songs for the church services next week. The children have also learned sign language for one of the songs with the help of the Christmas Signing Club. They look and sound amazing and we can't wait to show it to you in the service. The schedules are outlined in the whole school newsletter.

In Guided Reading, we have continued to read our exciting text, *The Land of Roar!* Will Rose, Arthur and Win get through the Tangled Forest? How will the dragons help them on their journey? After Christmas, we will be reading the book 'Creeping Beauty' by Joseph Coelho. There will be copies for the children to read at school but if your child wishes to bring in their own copy, they may do so. Please discourage them from reading ahead as we will be predicting events in the book.

In Writing, the children have continued to work on our unit about Trolls. The children have used conjunctions, prepositions and expanded noun phrases to create wonderful troll facts. They have been using their purple polishing pen to edit and improve their sentences. The children are now publishing their non-fiction piece in their Beautiful Books. They will be very proud of their finished result.

In Maths, we have been using our column addition and subtraction skills. The children have consolidated exchange in the ones and tens columns. They have also learned to apply this knowledge to single-step word problems. The children have been encouraged to break the problem down into stages by carefully reading the problem and drawing it as a part whole. They have then solved the problem using the written method. We have also started to learn how to check our answer is correct by using inverse. The next unit will be multiplication and division. We will be looking at multiples of 3, 4 and 8. They will also be learning how to divide a whole into different equal parts. It will be great to see children using TT Rockstars at home as this will support the unit.

Thank you for continuing to support the children when reading at home. Some children have now received their first certificate for reading 25 times. Please continue to sign your child's reading record every time they read so we can celebrate their progress. Remember there are lots of ways to support your children with their learning at home. Every week we focus on a new sound for spelling, and using spelling shed games can help the children learn them.

It was great to see the children wearing their Christmas jumpers to school and enjoying their Christmas lunch.

Thank you for all your continued support this term and we wish you all a great festive break.

The Year Three Team