

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 and a very happy new year to you all! We have loved hearing all about the children's celebrations but are also very impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new routines. We appreciate that Christmas can also be a challenging time, so if there is anything that you feel the class teachers need to know, do not hesitate to get in touch.

In guided reading this term, our core text is that amazing 'Creeping Beauty' by Josph Coelho. Your child is welcome to have their own copy in school (although there is no sense of expectation). Some children have enjoyed re-reading the chapters that we have covered in school at home – this is excellent reinforcement and really supports children's fluency. All children should have reading books and should ideally be reading for a short time each day. If your child needs to change their reading book, please pop a note in their blue diary or put a post-it-note on their book. Reading books should be in school each day regardless.

We are really excited about the children's writing focus this term; it is to persuade the mayor to visit our Maidstone Museum exhibition at the end of term. Watch this space to see how persuasive their letters are!

In maths, we are currently working on multiplication and division. Please do support this by encouraging your child to practise their times tables as they underpin so many mathematical concepts; the more practice children can have the better.

Swimming lessons continue on a Wednesday morning. Thank you to our volunteers. Please do let us know if you can support with this as we are short on occasions. This term in PE, children will also have dance, and teachers will be supported by a dance specialist, which is very exciting indeed.

Please remember that if your child is going home with anyone different, then we must be informed via the school office or the blue home-school link books.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

The Year Three Team