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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year celebrations.

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your Christmas wishes and gifts at the end of last term. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the children's homework projects, they were fantastic. This term's homework project is already on our school website, along with the children's spelling and multiplication practise and the optional 'My Maths' (online work). As always, we would appreciate it if parents continued to encourage their children to read regularly in addition to the other work set.

It is going to be another busy term, the children have come back very enthusiastic and keen to learn about their new topic.

PE kits for dance and indoor and outdoor PE need to be brought in to school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Swimming kits need to be in school on the relevant days. (See each Year group below) Any medical reasons for your child not participating in PE need to be written in a note and handed directly to the class teacher, not orally relayed via the child please.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Colette Hodges



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3rd January

INSET DAY

Thursday 4th January

PUPILS RETURN

Friday 19th January

Donuts for Dads

Tuesday 23rd January

Y2/3 Gifted and Talented Assembly (All awards in by 16/1/18 please)

Friday 26th January

Key Stage 2 Muffins for Mums

Tuesday 30th January

Y4/5/6 Gifted and Talented Assembly (All awards in by 23/1/18 please)

Tuesday 6th February

Parents consultations (bookable appointments) 3.20-6.00pm

Wednesday 7th February

Parents consultations (bookable appointments) 4.30-7.00pm

Friday 9th February

LAST DAY OF TERM (Non Uniform)

Grandparents Afternoon 1.15pm

Year 3

In Term 2 for Year 3 we learnt a lot about the Earth's poles and how this creates magnetism. We even watched live feeds from CCTV cameras at the scientist's base on the Antarctic! We learnt how the Earth is a magnet and studied how the Aurora Borealis and Australis are formed. We created artwork using chalks and water colours to show our understanding of the colours of the Northern and Southern Lights. We designed and made our own compass. We also thought carefully of what to take with us to the poles and persuaded others to go there.



This term we are looking forward to learning about and comparing two National Parks, one from England and the other from Europe. In Science we will be studying Food Chains and will be creating our own.

PE (Gymnastics) this term for **3JW** and **3AH** will be on a **Monday**. **3VC** will have their **PE** (Gymnastics) session on a **Wednesday**. **Swimming** for all classes will be on a **Thursday**.

Year 4

Last term was a very busy one. We wrote some amazing flashback stories and become mathematic superstars with addition and subtraction. We are doing well with learning our tables too.

Some highlights of the term were designing our own motion picture movie to accompany our flashback stories. We used our knowledge of a flashback story to create a video using the Stop Motion app on the I pads. We made characters out of salt dough and drew the scenery for the present. For the past we used the photo which we had based our story on.



In music we had been learning the song 'Mama Mia' we then linked our music to some Science work and performed 'Mama Mia' using bottles as our instruments! We explored how we could produce sounds by blowing over the top of water bottles. We filled them with different levels of water and observed how pitch of the sound was changed. Then, when the pitch was perfect we performed our song. We all had lots of fun doing this.



Dance this term for **Year 4** will be on a **Tuesday**. **Gymnastics** this term for **Year 4** will be on a **Wednesday**.

Homework

Full details can be found on the school website www.southcoteprimary.co.uk. Please refer to the website in order to see instructions on how to download the free app 'Puffin', in order to access 'My Maths'. Please ensure that your child continues to read every day and completes an entry in the reading diary.