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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome the children back to school for the spring term. We hope that you and your children had a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays. We would also like to wish you a belated Happy New Year.

As a new term begins, we look to begin new topics and continue to build upon children's literacy and numeracy skills making sure that they have a secure understanding of the basics to be able to apply these to real life contexts. As always, we encourage you to continue to talk to your children, to take advantage of real life situations and experiences to help build an understanding of how their school work relates to the real world. For example, asking your child for the time, paying for small amounts in shops, asking what change they received and so on.

Throughout this half term we will explore ancient history through the topic *Prehistoric Britain*. In English, we will be looking at myths and legends as well as a fictional book called *Moon Man*. In Maths, the children will be focusing on the topics of time, fractions, multiplication and division. We will also specifically be focusing on the multiplication and division facts linked to x3, x4, x6, x8 and x11 throughout our Maths lessons. The topic for Science this half term is Rocks. Through this topic, the children will be learning about fossils, soils, different types of rocks, where they come from and how they are formed.

#### **How you can help at home:**

- Listen to your child read every night for 10 minutes.
- Help your child learn their weekly spellings.
- Practise and test your child on their multiplication facts (3, 4, 6, 8 and 11s).
- Discuss methods of completing homework.
- Teach them to pack their own bag the night before; making sure they have their homework and reading book.
- Make sure your child arrives at school **on time** every day to enjoy a full day of learning.
- Look through their book bags to see if there are any letters sent from school.

#### **PE – Just a reminder that there is no swimming this term.**

- All year 3 children have PE on a Monday and should wear a full indoor PE kit.

We look forward to working with you,

Mrs Buckle, Mrs Moreline and Miss Khanom

