Dear Parents / Carers,

**Happy Half Term!**

We have had a fantastic Autumn term in Year 3.

Your children have taken part in many wonderful learning experiences. We particularly enjoyed our visit from Mr Bullock who came in to help us make our clay Stonehenge. We learnt lots of new skills and how to stick the clay together.

Our curriculum next half term will be based around the text Journey by Aaron Becker.  In English we will be focusing a lot of our reading and writing around the novel.  During maths lessons we are focusing on multiplication and division. Our Prime Learning Challenge for next half term will be ‘Why do we need light?’ This will be a Science led theme. In DT, we will be creating a delicious dish, while in PE we will be learning about Dance and movement. In Art, we will be looking at the Artist Giorgio Morandi and how to draw with shadow. We will be learning how to use shading and tone for effect.

**PE days**

Class 3.1: Thursday

Class 3.2: Friday

Class 3.3: Wednesday

**A reminder to please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on their PE day.** Children must wear a black jumper,a white T- shirt, black shorts and black trainers. Please refer to the letter from Mr Cooper stating that this needs to be logo free. If the weather is cold the children can wear dark, plain jogging bottoms (not leggings) as PE will most likely take place outside. Please note that ear rings should not be worn for PE and should be removed for the day prior to leaving home or tape applied. Long hair should be tied back.

In addition to their class PE slot, children will have additional PE as part of the PPA provision. Please see the table below for the additional days for your child during the first half term.

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| **Spring 1** | **P.E.** |
| **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** | 3.3 |
| **Tuesday 10th January 2023** | 3.1 |
| **Tuesday 17th January 2023** | 3.2 |
| **Tuesday 24th January 2023** | 3.3 |
| **Tuesday 31st January 2023** | 3.1 |
| **Tuesday 7th February 2023** | 3.2 |

**Homework**

Homework continues to be an opportunity for you to share in your child’s learning, by supporting and encouraging them as they complete their homework tasks. The children will be able to choose to do homework in any order from the homework menu. While it should be primarily their work, please feel free to help them with any parts they find more challenging. Homework will usually be set on the first Friday of a half term. It will not be due in until the end of the half term. The date will be identified on the homework menu grid.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 3 staff.