

# Year 3 Information - Autumn Term 2 into Spring 1 -

Our PE Day is  
**MONDAY** - please  
send in a warm top  
and trousers as well  
as the full PE kit.



Homework  
and Spellings:  
**Friday**

Carol Service - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00am and 2.00pm - no tickets needed

We have had a fantastic start to Year 3 with our Egyptian WOW day, the trip to The Lickey Hills and the brilliant Lego Workshop sessions. We are now moving on to our new topic which will span the time up to Christmas and then most of Spring 1. This topic has a Geography base and is called "**Vive La Difference - All About Europe**". We will be finding out about geographical features, tourism, food, festivals and much, much more! After an introduction to Europe as a whole we will be focusing on France and Birmingham's twin city of Lyon. Our French speaking is coming along well and this will link well with our topic. We are planning a European WOW day on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February and we would like to invite you into a "picnic" in the afternoon so please put the date in your diary.

**In English....** We are continuing our Reading Race so please send **Book Bags into school every day** to take advantage of any spare reading opportunities or reading buddy sessions. Please fill in reading diaries whenever your child reads - the children do this in school so can complete their own. Spellings are sent home every week with homework - these are to stay at home and be worked on. We are testing the spelling **pattern** not specific words to see if the children can apply the rules. We have some lovely Christmas poem work as we are just about to finish off our fictional story writing, and as we come back after Christmas we have lots of cross curricular links with our European topic for our writing.

**In Mathematics...** We are continuing to problem solving, choosing equipment that will help us from our new Maths Toolkits. Every lesson starts with quick mental recall of number facts for all four operations (+, -, X and ÷) and working on these at home will really help. This needs to be done in the children's head, not written down. We are learning more about fractions or number and shape. Christmas is a great time to work on prices of items, telling the time and using measure if you are doing any baking.

**In other subjects....** In Science we will be exploring light and shadow including how light travels to our eyes and the importance of protecting our eyes and how shadows are formed. In ICT we are covering the unit called "We are Opinion Pollsters" and the children will link this to our European topic, carrying out surveys and producing graphs and data. In Art we will be looking at famous European artists and creating our own masterpieces. The main focus of this topic is Geography and looking out our place in the world around us. We will continue to follow the RE syllabus finding out about different faiths and festivals, recognising similarities and differences and supporting this with our PATHS work on emotions and feelings.

#### Other Useful Information and Dates:

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Party Day  
Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Serve in Immanuel Church, 10.00 and 2.00pm  
Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper day for Save the Children  
European WOW Day - Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 (dressing up and indoor picnic)

Please always check the Friday newsletter for weekly updates 😊