



**3W: Miss Wilson, 3T: Mrs Turner, 3H: Miss Hodqe LSAs: Mrs Olliver & Mrs Buchanan**

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents' Evenings this week. If you were unable to make it please talk to your child's teacher who will be pleased to make an alternative time with you. Of course, you are welcome to come and discuss any aspect of your child with the class teacher whenever you would like – just pop in and make an appointment after school.

As we rapidly approach Christmas, preparations will begin for the Lower School Christmas Play. Please make a note in your diaries of the dates: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parents evenings this week – it was great to be able to speak to you in more detail about your child's progress and to give you the opportunity to see for yourselves how well they are doing and how proud they are of their work.

## Main topics and learning this half term:

Longitudinal Study

WOODLANDS

Christmas

**This half term our main topic area continues to be Woodlands with a focus on changing land use over periods of time.**

Our Science unit will be investigating how to plan and set up a longitudinal study which will last throughout the academic year. The children are quite intrigued by the prospect of creating an experiment to observe over such a long period of time and have suggested very interesting ideas themselves.

We will also be completing a Design Technology unit alongside our topic- creating a woodland treasure box. In Art we will be studying the work of Andy Goldsworthy, a British sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who creates site-specific sculpture and land art situated in natural and urban settings.

Our Christmas unit in RE is called 'Angels'. Alongside this we will be practising our performance skills, learning songs and working with Year 4 to put on a fantastic production for you.

In Maths we will be continuing work on multiplication and division. In Geometry we will be looking at 2D and 3D shape as well as weighing, measuring and statistics.

In English we will be reading The Grinch and studying how to write alternative endings.

### How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Counting in different steps, forwards and backwards, particularly crossing the 100 boundary.
- Practise handwriting, making sure letters are evenly sized and there are spaces between words.
- Learn times tables – there are lots of resources in shops to help eg. Times tables CDs.
- Daily reading practise.
- Borrow books from the library about farm land, land use, housing / development or maybe search for books about Andy Goldsworthy or the Christmas Story.

### Maths Times Tables Game Homework Project

This project is due in on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. We shall give all three classes the opportunity to share their games with each other later in the half term. Thank you very much for all the help and support you are giving the children with their homework. The standard of work is incredibly high and the children are justifiably proud of their achievements.

### Parent Workshop Afternoon

We would like to invite you in again on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> December to share and celebrate your child's work this half term.

- If you would like to be a regular parent helper please speak to your child's class teacher as we are always keen for helpers to hear readers.