

Year 3 Spring 1 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school and I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Mrs Beech, Mrs Marshall and I are all extremely excited to welcome you back for the spring term. On behalf of all the teaching staff in Class 3, I would like to say thank you for all of our kind Christmas gifts.

We are excited to announce that on **23rd January** the Pantomime will be visiting our school! We are very grateful to the Friends of School for generously funding this wonderful performance.

I am pleased to say that all of the children settled into Class 3 very well and we are looking forward to bringing an exciting curriculum to the children this term.

We have an exciting term ahead of us with our new topic 'Why do we go to Europe on holiday?' Within this topic we will be learning about tourism in Europe, specifically in the Alps. We are going to be looking closely at the physical and human geography of Chamonix, a skiing town in the French Alps.

In science, we are going to be studying light: where does it come from, what is reflection and what are shadows? We will also be performing scientific experiments with mirrors, puppets and a range of materials to understand how light behaves as a type of energy.

Art will focus on European artists, looking at some of the work of Michelangelo and Le Corbusier. We will be studying architecture, building design and painting techniques.

Computing will concentrate on working with data and how to represent it in graphic form along with publishing our own postcard designs based upon a European holiday destination.

In RE, we will look at the significance of light in some of the world's religions. We will explore the power of light through the Christian stories of Pentecost and the conversion of St. Paul. We will also link this to Hinduism and the story of Rama and Sita.

Our English lessons will be linked to two wonderfully written books this term. Our first book is 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing in role, creating information reports, adverts and formal letters along with a final piece of our



