

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week comes to an end, we continue to be impressed by the standard of work the children are producing and their continued commitment to their learning. Although we still had a few technical issues with videos playing for some people, they seem to be more successful now and are hopefully helping the children with their learning.

We have reviewed the timetable for the coming weeks to include an extra session of PE which will be using videos created by Mr Corcoran, our sports coach. The link will be on Google Classroom. We are also conscious that many children struggle with typing their work quickly and so will ask some days that tasks are done by hand and a photo can be uploaded of their work instead. This will not only keep their handwriting skills improving, but also reduce the amount of screen time they receive. A copy of the new timetable is attached with this letter.

Last Friday, the teachers all had training for our new science topic 'States of Matter'. The team at Empiribox, who provide our training, have been working to develop instructional videos to be made use of for remote learning. Where possible, they have devised experiments that can be safely carried out at home using things a lot of people would have at home. During the video, the children will be asked to click on a focus for the lesson and our focus this term is 'Planning'.

We thought it would be useful to you to have an overview of the kind of things you will need if you do want your child to join in with the experiment. There is no obligation to do so and if you don't have anything needed, they can just watch the experiment on the video.

W/B 18<sup>th</sup> Jan- double cream, small bottle or container

W/B 25<sup>th</sup> Jan- ice cubes, salt, thermometer (if possible)

W/B 1<sup>st</sup> Feb- brown sugar, white granulated sugar, salt, full fat milk, small and large resealable bag

W/B 8<sup>th</sup> Feb- small amount of perfume or aftershave, small container, stopwatch

Next week in DT they need access to at least one type of sandwich filler although if they can use two it helps to draw comparisons. The following week will be about food preparation and so they will need something they can slice (such as a bit of cucumber), grate (such as cheese), shred (such as lettuce) and mix (such as mayonnaise and tuna). In normal circumstances, we would do this altogether in class and talk to them about the safe way to handle knives for example and so we will be asking you to help them a bit with this lesson.

Many thanks for all the help and encouragement you continue to give your children through these difficult times. We all appreciate everything you are doing.

Kind Regards

Mrs Webber and the Year Three Team

