## **Butterfly Class Term 3 Newsletter**

## Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January -Term 3 Starts

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Year 2 Class Assembly

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 Film Night

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Homework WOW Day/KS2 Film Night

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February -Challenge Day

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Happy 2023!

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Years'!

The children have worked incredibly hard the last two terms and it has been so wonderful to see all the progress the children have made.

I'm sure they will continue all their great work in the new year!

Our topic for this term is 'Long Ago'. This means the children will be investigating the way they have grown and changed since they were babies, and how life in the past was different to today. We will also be exploring our families and how every child/family is unique. As part of this topic, we will be reading texts such as 'Rosie's Hat' by Julia Donaldson, 'When I was a child' by Andy Stanton and 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' by Jan Oke.

Later on in the term, the children will also be looking at classic stories and rhymes to help their use of language and vocabulary – this includes stories such as The Gingerbread Man, Jack and the Beanstalk, and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

In phonics this term, the key focus will be on learning new Phase Three sounds – including some new diagraphs. We will also be starting to focus on children decoding CVC words with less support, building their skills and confidence for independent writing later in the year.

Below is a polite reminder of all the information regarding the issuing of reading and home learning books.

Butterfly Class will be having PE on a Monday and Tuesday morning this term. Please ensure that your child's PE Kit is in school on the relevant day and that their name is written on their kit.

## **Reading Books**

Reading books are issued on a Tuesday and are to be returned on that Friday so that they can be changed. Please ensure that you write a comment in your child's reading record before you return the books so that they can be changed and we can see how they are progressing at home.

## Home Learning Books

Home learning books will be given out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. These will contain a grid of activities with the child selecting one activity for each week (6 activities total). An image of the completed activity then needs be emailed to the class teacher by the following Friday at c.hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk.

At the end of the term, children are free to bring in their homework as part of our 'Homework WOW Day' on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the class teacher via email at c.hughes@teynham.kent.sch.uk. Thank you for all your support last term and we look forward to working with you again in the new year. Kind Regards,

Miss Hughes, Miss Brown & Miss Risbridger