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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! Time is flying by and we are already into the second half term! Thank you very much for helping the children complete their homework and learn their spellings last half term, and for reading with your child every day, this really helps them to become confident, fluent readers. All the children are now settled and much more confident with Year 3 expectations and daily routines.

Our Year 3 topic for this half term is local history based, '**On Our Doorstep – Clues to the Past**'. We will be doing lots of question-based learning, and handling artefacts from our local area; we will also be having a visit from a local historian to tell us all about specific buildings and talking about changes over time, and visiting Cartwright Hall to look at some historic paintings.

Reading frequently is more important than ever and we would continue to encourage the children to read daily at home and have their planner signed. **Reading books** are changed regularly by the children themselves, so please ensure your child's book and planner are brought into school EVERY DAY. We are delighted to confirm that there will be a visit to both Year 3 classes from local author Deane Narayn-Lee, who will be reading his new book, **The loving Earth** to the children, and talking to them about how to look after the planet and issues around global warming. We will be using his book as a stimulus for writing this half term, so this is a terrific opportunity for the children.

Please note **Swimming for 3P is now every Monday, and PE for 3P remains on Friday. 3D have PE only this half term, on Tuesday and Thursday. Children must come to school dressed in their PE kit with appropriate footwear (Including trainers for outdoor PE).** Please continue to ensure that **all** clothing is clearly named and labelled and that all children have **well-fitting pumps**.

Homework:

Spellings are now given on a **Monday** and tested the following Monday. As last half term, please complete at least 3 of the homework tasks in the learning logs to embed key learning. It would benefit the children if they had access to Times Tables Rock Stars and Sum Dog to practise their maths times tables and related division facts every week.

We are super proud of the amazing work done in Year 3 so far, and look forward to the children's continued progress. If you have any concerns or questions, please write a comment in your child's planner and we will respond.

Many thanks,
Miss Peacock and Mrs Day
(Year 3 Class Teachers)

