

### Welcome to Term 3!

Throughout this term we are going to be delving under our beds and beyond to learn about the structure of the Earth, as well as naming and classifying the soils and rocks that we encounter along the way. We will also be linking this knowledge to the formation of mountains and volcanoes such as those we explored during our voyage around the world last term.

As well as the science and geography focus, we will be developing our understanding of chronology by dividing the Earth's history into various time periods. These will be explored in greater detail in terms 5 and 6.

In maths, we will be moving on to fractions and measurement this term.

## **Home learning**

As part of developing independence in Year 3, please help your child to start to take responsibility for bringing in their learning logs and spelling booklets. It makes it very difficult when things are forgotten! Last term we worked hard on telling the time; it would be great if you could carry on our hard work and talk about time as much as possible. Please continue with TT Rockstars.

# What's under the bed?

From our experience with this topic, we know that the children will be very keen to bring fossils, crystals and other bits and pieces in for Show and Tell. We have today explained to them that we will have an 'Ask the Expert' session during the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 when the children can display and share their special items with the rest of the class. We will ensure that the homework for the preceding week will enable the children to come up with some information about their area of interest, so that it is a "tell" as well as a "show"! This will give the children an important speaking and listening opportunity.

P.E. will be on Monday and Thursday, with a focus this term on gymnastics and creating space in invasion games. Please ensure that your child has a complete P.E. kit, including joggers and a cosy top, in school at all times. If your child would like to wear gloves and a hat, please pop those into the P.E. kit too. Girls who wear tights find it easier to have a pair of socks in their kit too.

## **Notes for the Diary**

13<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 – Dance Festival Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> February – Ask the Expert (children bring Show and Tell into school).

## Happy new year!

With kind regards, the Year 3 Team