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**Autumn Term Learning in Class 3**

Dear Parents

Firstly, I hope that you all have had a lovely, restful summer break. We have had an exciting and enjoyable first week as a brand new class: getting to know each other, settling in and beginning to learn new things together.

Our class topic this term is named '**Can anyone be a hero?**' The children will be exploring many aspects of espionage throughout the ages using 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz as a hook. We will link this to global espionage, Design Technology (gadgets) and Science (electricity). Please find attached a cross curricular planning web that shows a learning overview. This question will be asked during the term in order for the children to practice discussion and debating skills across all areas of their learning.

Things to remember:

- Please ensure that your child brings a **water bottle to school each day**. It is important that they have access to water at any time during the day to make sure that they remain hydrated.
- Your child has been given a reading book and record which must be in school each day as your child will be expected to **read** each day as well as for at **least 20 minutes at home each night**. Reading at home can be done either independently or aloud to an adult. Please ensure reading books are kept safe. As well as individual reading your child will have reading sessions across the week.
- We will have PE sessions twice a week. Our **PE sessions** will be on a **Thursday morning** (with football coach 'Matt') and a **Friday afternoon** with Miss Simpson. Please ensure your child has a full school **PE kit** in school **all week**.

As well as reading, homework will be:

1. **Weekly 'set' homework** which will be sent home on a Friday and handed in on the following Thursday. This will include weekly spellings and an English and/or Maths activity. It is essential that these are completed each week. **Year 6** will be given a ten minute activity for maths, reading and spag (spelling, punctuation and grammar). They can take longer!
2. **'Themed Homework Grid'**. Attached is a grid with a range of homework activities. Your child can choose what homework they would like to complete. This is to encourage independent learning as well as valuing a child's right to choose what they would like to learn. These homework tasks

should be completed once a fortnight - don't worry, we shall remind the children of hand-in dates.

If you would like any support or have any questions around homework or any other aspect of school life, please feel free to call or pop in and see us.

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has the very best possible learning opportunities over the coming year.

Please can we also ask that pencil cases are kept at home? We provide all the stationery children need within the classroom.

With very best wishes

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Head Teacher

Nicola Simpson  
Class Teacher