

December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all have a restful break and a lovely Christmas.

### **Timetable and relevant equipment**

As in the Autumn term, the class timetable is on display in the classroom for the children to see. The children will now have PE sessions on Monday and Tuesday. This term please can they wear their PE kit on Tuesdays as this is when we have the longer session.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Half Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half Term
Tuesday Long PE	Tennis	Athletics
Monday Short PE	Fitness Circuits	Football

A full copy of the timetable will be sent separately via Google Classroom. Please can children have long hair tied back on PE days. A reminder they should be wearing a school red sweatshirt. The optional black hoodie is only to be worn during the PE lesson and not for the duration of the day.

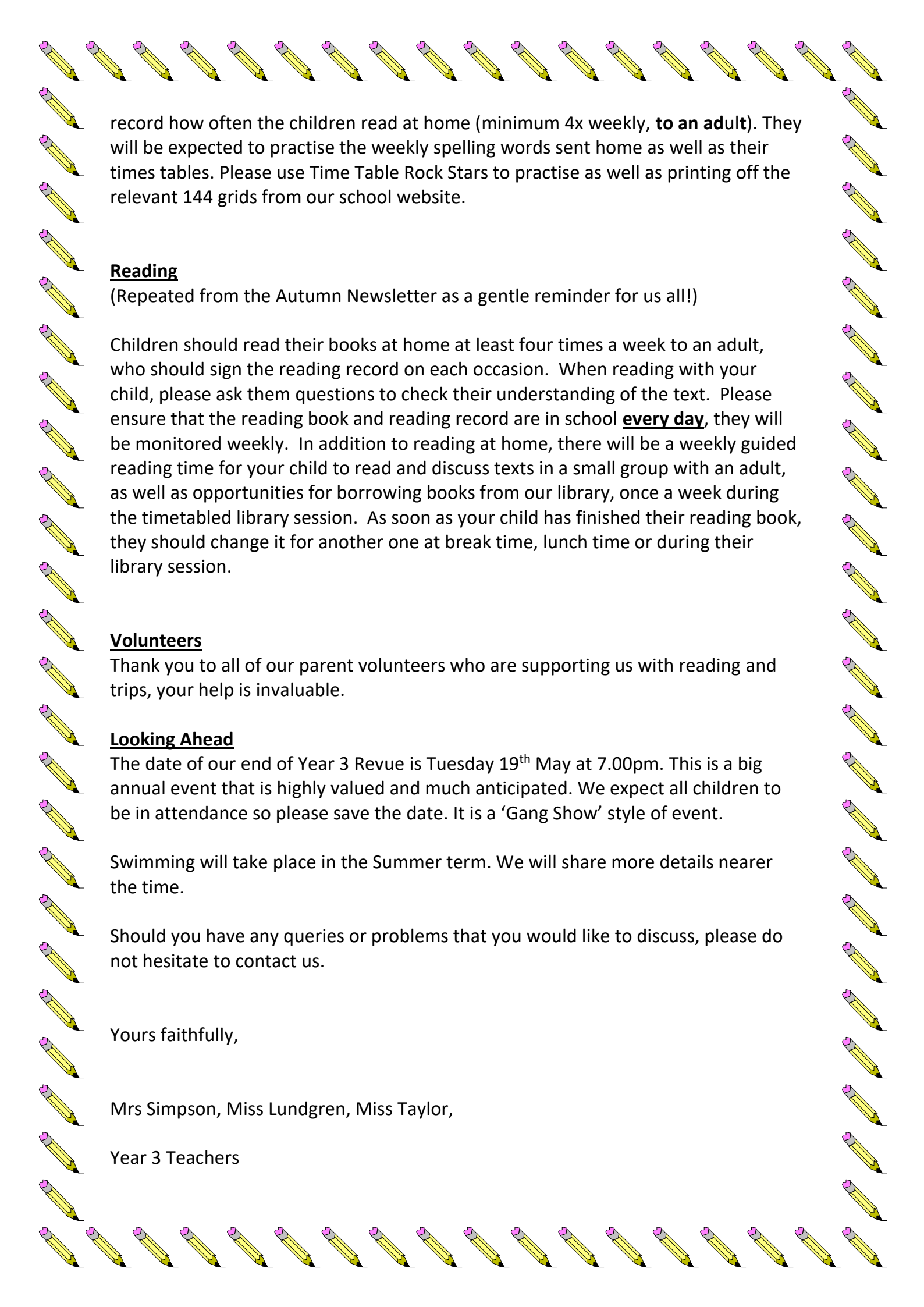
We have noticed that many children are not fully equipped for school. Every child must have their own pencil case with labelled items. All items are available to purchase in our school shop. At the very least the children must have; a blue handwriting pen (**NOT a biro or eraser pen**), a whiteboard pen, a pencil, a ruler, a green pen and a glue stick. A rubber, colouring pencils, scissors and a pencil sharpener are also needed. We will be sending pencil cases home this weekend, please check they are fully equipped.

### **Curriculum**

In English this term we cover non-chronological reports, a narrative unit and persuasive speeches. In Maths, we will look at multiplication, division, fractions, statistics, shape and space. In Science our two topics will be: Forces and Electricity. Our Geography topic is 'Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. Our RE focus for the whole year is Christianity and Islam. In Computing we will be learning about PowerPoint, sources and reliability, and e-safety. In DT we will be designing and making cushions and in Art and Design we will be making bird sculptures as a response to Roald Dahl's book The Minpins.

### **Home Learning**

As was the case in the Autumn term, our expectation of the children focuses on reading, times tables and spellings. The children have a reading record, which will



record how often the children read at home (minimum 4x weekly, **to an adult**). They will be expected to practise the weekly spelling words sent home as well as their times tables. Please use Time Table Rock Stars to practise as well as printing off the relevant 144 grids from our school website.

### **Reading**

(Repeated from the Autumn Newsletter as a gentle reminder for us all!)

Children should read their books at home at least four times a week to an adult, who should sign the reading record on each occasion. When reading with your child, please ask them questions to check their understanding of the text. Please ensure that the reading book and reading record are in school **every day**, they will be monitored weekly. In addition to reading at home, there will be a weekly guided reading time for your child to read and discuss texts in a small group with an adult, as well as opportunities for borrowing books from our library, once a week during the timetabled library session. As soon as your child has finished their reading book, they should change it for another one at break time, lunch time or during their library session.

### **Volunteers**

Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who are supporting us with reading and trips, your help is invaluable.

### **Looking Ahead**

The date of our end of Year 3 Revue is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm. This is a big annual event that is highly valued and much anticipated. We expect all children to be in attendance so please save the date. It is a 'Gang Show' style of event.

Swimming will take place in the Summer term. We will share more details nearer the time.

Should you have any queries or problems that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Simpson, Miss Lundgren, Miss Taylor,

Year 3 Teachers