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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3. Our topic for this term is Robots, which is linked to our science and English work. Science will be about magnets and forces, using 'The Iron Man' as a basis for lots of work, including our reading and writing.

In English, we will be describing the Iron Man, writing a spin-off to original story and writing non-chronological reports. There will be a continued and renewed focus on phonics, spellings, punctuation and joined handwriting. We will continue with our Whole Class Teaching of Reading sessions, which have been really positive already this term. Accelerated Reader continues, so please keep up the reading at home. The quizzes can be done at home or in school. Spellings will continue to follow the Spelling Shed scheme. We are aiming to complete our weekly tests on a Wednesday but this is subject to change due to the new timetable in term 3.

In Maths, we will continue to focus on the four operations, building up on written methods. The methods for multiplication and division will be moved forward to the next stage of development. We will also revisit fractions and start our work on money. Times tables and number bonds remain a key focus, with testing on Wednesdays (again subject to change!). Please ensure the children's zippy wallets are returned ready for new spellings to be given out for the following week. Please spend a few minutes every day going over times tables and spellings. They are doing so well and we would love this progress to continue. 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables remain the focus for this term.

This term, we will have outdoor PE on a Monday afternoon and indoor PE on Wednesday mornings. We will be working on our throwing and catching skills and learning the basics of netball. For our indoor PE, we have Dance with Zoe. PE kits need to be in school all week and all items clearly labelled. Long hair needs to be tied back. Children with earrings must remove their studs or cover them over with tape. (No hoops or dangly earrings please.) As well as netball and dance, we also have drama on a Wednesday afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: Year 3 swimming begins on Thursday 10th February for 2 weeks before half term. All the information has already been sent so please see the office if you need this to be re-sent.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year 3 Team

