



Year 3 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year celebrations and the children are refreshed and ready for another busy term. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for the Christmas concert. Along with the sporting and other-curricular activities that the children took part in, it was a very proud moment for me as I am sure it was for those of you that came along to watch.

As well as the concert, the children had a busy term writing diary entries, instructions and informal letters. In Maths, the children worked on the multiplication and division, as well as their measuring skills, including finding the perimeter of shapes. They painted Stone Age silhouettes which linked with our Science focus of light and they also made replica Stone Age jewellery which they based on artefacts found at the Stone Age settlement Skara Brae which they researched.

This half term, the children will become engineers, scientists and makers of men (iron men, of course!) for our **topic**—Mighty Metals. The main focus will be on metals, forces and magnetism. As part of the topic we will be designing and building a companion for the Iron Man from recycled materials. Therefore it would be a big help if you could please save any cardboard, bottles, bottle tops, buttons etc.

In **English**, the children will be continuing to develop their skills within a range of different genres. On the first day back the children received a letter from the council asking them to design an advertisement for a new piece of equipment for the play area so this will be our first piece of writing.

In **Maths**, new areas of learning will be covered each week. This term these areas will include multiplication and division, both mental and formal written methods and telling the time. Children will also have a short daily arithmetic session in order to continually practice their skills in using the four operations.

Reminders:

PE - Y3 will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday (Please remember correct PE kit including outdoor kit and trainers for all PE sessions.)

Home learning tasks - Your child will continue to receive a variety of home learning tasks throughout the half term to consolidate and further learning. They should also be encouraged to read at home each night independently or with an adult.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Wilkinson