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Dear parents/carers,

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you all had a good Christmas and your year has begun well.

Year 3 had a fantastic term of learning about the Polar Explorers last term and I would like to thank you for your continued support. The children were all so passionate and engaged with their learning about the Arctic and Antarctic and it was lovely to see some of their related 'show and tell' pictures, books and work from home too. We even had a few explorer ancestors! They also thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their poetry during our outcome and it was great to see so many parents/grandparents attend, so thank you again.

The Spring term brings all things 'Chocolate' and we are hoping for another enthusiastic term of learning. The feedback from the children about our Chocolate launch morning was brilliant, although I'm not sure anyone would complain about eating chocolate on their first morning back to school after the holidays!

Our literacy story is Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we will be focusing on art, DT, music, dance and geography, linking any data we gather into maths too. Our 'big question' this term is: Is being bad ever good? We have already discussed this as a class and the children came up with lots of different theories upon the answer and it generated some interesting discussions. We started off by relating our answers to chocolate and then extended it wider, worldly issues. I'm sure if you ask them about it they would love to share their thoughts. During the term the children will be creating various pieces of work to showcase during the Humanities Fair and our outcome on February 11th (more details from the office to follow).

PE will be on a Thursday this half term, so please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (see school website) which is clearly labelled with their name. If your child has long hair, please provide them with a hair tie on this day and take all jewellery out. Homework will be Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) this term and will continue to be set on a Monday and will be due in on the following Friday. Maths homework (MyMaths) will be set on a Friday and due in the following Friday. If you could record (in their reading record book) when you have read with your child at home (ideally at least 3 times per week) and continue to practise times table skills (including the inverse division fact), it would be greatly appreciated.

Information about Parents Evening this term will be sent out via the school office shortly and I will also be sending out a letter about a chocolate home project.

In the meantime, I hope you have a great January,

Warm regards,

Miss. Reilly and the Year 3 team.