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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable half term break. Class 3 has come back to school with lots of tales and exciting stories about all the things they have been doing! Next week is virtual parents evening and we look forward to meeting you all at your appointed time.

We had a fantastic first term and the children loved the chocolate theme. This week has seen a great start to our second topic which is going to be 'cool', as the topic is 'Polar Explorers'. All the children have been enthusiastic to learn about the different aspects of being an explorer and the various animals that they may encounter on the journey.

Swimming has now stopped until after Easter. We will still be doing PE on a Wednesday afternoon so please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit (black shorts/trousers, plain white t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls, all named and labelled) on that day. School jumpers and cardigans can be worn over their white t-shirts.

Spelling homework for this term will go out on a Tuesday and will be due the following Tuesday. My Maths will be set on a Friday and the children will get a chance to complete this within the lesson. This will be work based on what we have covered in the class. We will also be using Times Table Rockstars, a great program that allows the children to practise their times tables. They can then create their own characters with points that they have earned.

Please continue to read with your children and encourage your child to read at least 3 times a week for 10 minutes or more, to an adult, sibling, friend or even a teddy. Adults, please sign your child's reading record book when they have read, even if it wasn't with you.

If there is anything you would like to discuss then please email the school office and they will forward it to us.

Kind regards,

Mr. King, Miss. Reilly and Mrs. Paterson