

# Yr3 Learning Letter - Friday 5th January 2018

## Martha & Lisa's Class

Welcome back to the new Spring Term 2018. We hope you had a peaceful, restful break. Thank you very much from both of us for our lovely cards and presents. We hope that the children's cyclamen painting gift to you all have taken pride of place in your homes!

Our new 'Maptastic' topic kicked off on Wednesday with a day of immersing the children in maps and the vocabulary they can use to answer the question "Where are we?" From boroughs to hemispheres, we looked up and used lots of interesting words and developed atlas and dictionary skills at the same time. Martha was also astounded by the class's excellent knowledge of compass points and is already thinking of ways to challenge the children using these.

Everyone also thought carefully about what New Year's Resolutions they might have. We discussed resilience and kindness and a lot of the children based their resolutions around these. Ask your child what they have chosen to work on in 2018.

On Thursday we went on a walk of discovery up to Forest Hill centre to find out about the features of human geography there are in our area. Before we left, the children considered what people need in their environment such as housing, transport and shops. The children also thought about what they would really love to have - this was quite interesting! Please ask your child about the walk.

The children made their own nested hierarchies on paper plates. They had to think about how to explain to an alien where they lived. We used Google Earth to zoom from outer space down in stages to our school and back out again to help the children find the language to explain. They then put this on a paper plate which you will be able to see in the corridor - please ask them to explain it to you.

The children have also made their own artistic interpretations of their walk to Forest Hill - please come and view them in the corridor from next week.



Don't forget our trip to the Dulwich Picture Gallery on Thursday for the Tove Jansson Workshop. A packed lunch will be needed for this trip. We will leave school at approximately 10.20am and return to school for the end of the day.

Home Learning:

\*The new Yr3 non negotiable spellings the children will be learning are below, along with next week's weekly spellings in the form of a wordsearch.

\*Continue with times tables practice - 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8

## Short /i/ Sound Spelt with a 'y'

j	g	i	h	h	f	b	m	j	p	x	q
i	x	y	y	v	g	e	v	e	q	j	k
n	g	y	m	g	q	p	t	z	x	t	a
f	z	e	n	r	i	q	e	d	t	z	w
a	p	g	s	f	h	v	o	x	y	a	b
m	y	y	y	f	y	n	c	s	p	h	e
y	r	p	s	y	m	b	o	l	i	l	o
s	a	t	t	m	w	p	j	e	c	c	a
t	m	b	e	y	b	c	b	o	a	v	x
e	i	o	m	y	t	h	b	q	l	y	g
r	d	g	s	l	y	r	i	c	z	c	f
y	j	i	t	m	u	a	u	y	f	t	o

myth  
gym  
Egypt  
pyramid  
mystery

hymn  
system  
symbol  
lyric  
typical