

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to Spring 2. This half term our Learning Journey has a geography focus, "How can we live more sustainably?" We will look at what sustainability is and how the children can incorporate sustainable principles into their own lives, especially in the context of personal and social wellbeing.



**Curriculum:**

Our English learning will be directly linked to our Geography learning journey but enhanced by a range of quality texts such as 'Swimming Against the Storm' by Jess Butterworth, 'Greta and the Giants' by Zoe Tucker and Wild Life: The Extraordinary Adventures of Sir David Attenborough by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe.

In Science, the children will be studying forces and magnets. They will be looking into different forces and how magnets work. The children will have the opportunity to apply what they have learnt into practical investigations.

**Reading:** Thank you to those who read regularly with their child and fill in the Reading Miles chart. Ideally, your child should now have 75 reading miles or more. Please continue to read with your child and encourage them to read several times a week, as reading fluency and comprehension is absolutely vital to the progress of your child as a learner.

**Times tables:** We have seen great enthusiasm towards TTRS since we have introduced the children to it. Please also encourage your child to practise their times tables using plenty of different methods. We are practising times tables regularly in the classroom. If you can continue to encourage the children to apply and consolidate this knowledge at home we would be very grateful.

**Environments:** Our PE lessons take place on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Although we are hoping for slightly warmer weather as we move into Spring, please ensure your child is equipped for a range of weathers, as our curriculum this half term involves plenty of outdoor learning. Additionally, if your child has wellies that can stay in school during term times please bring them in. This means the children will be allowed on the field during lunch times.

**Homework:** Homework will continue to be set in class on a Monday when we will mark the previous week's homework. If you have any questions or your child requires additional support, please ask the class teacher before the Monday that the homework is due on.

The Year 3 Team  
Mrs Boiron and Mrs Buncle  
Miss Brown, Mrs Day and Ms Ferguson