This half term, we will have a geography focus learning all about The United Kingdom. Attached to this letter are your child's Knowledge Organisers which contain key facts, vocabulary and information about your child's learning in class. This will enable you to support your child's learning at home.

## Our learning:

- Our focus in Reading lessons will be the skill of retrieval, inference and sequencing.
- In Writing, we will be learning to write playscripts to entertain an audience and travel brochures to persuade people to visit attractions in the UK.
- In Maths we are continuing our work on addition and subtraction and later in the term we will be learning multiplication and division.
- In Science, we will be learning about light and developing our scientific enquiry through investigations.
- In Geography, we will be learning all about the human and physical features of the United Kingdom, how land is used for settlements and economic activity and how London is unique.
- In P.E. we will be focussing on gymnastics and football.
- In DT, we will be creating freestanding structures.

Attached to this letter are the Knowledge Organisers related to this term's learning to give you more detail on what the children will be learning. These show the facts that we hope all children should be able to recall at the end of the term. You could use them to 'test' your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

## Homework

Homework will be available on the school website in the form of a Sway. If you cannot access online learning, please let your teacher know and we will provide paper copies.

Homework in Year 3 consists of a few different things:

- Spellings and handwriting are a big focus for us this year and we are lucky to have access to some new online resources which will be set as part of the homework. Log in details for SpellingShed.co.uk and letterjoin.co.uk will be available in the front of your child's reading log.
- Times Table Rockstars is a fabulous online program that we use to develop knowledge of times tables and division facts. The children have all been given log ins to this. It is very repetitive at the beginning while it assesses where each child is and then sets a program for them. It can also become very competitive in school as we set up 'rock battles' between classes. In our experience, short burst of regular practice is more effective than spending hours once a week.
- Children should be reading at home at least 4 times-per week in preparation for their Accelerated Reader quiz. Developing a love of reading helps people in so many ways, not just with their work in reading but also in writing and topic lessons. Children will receive dojo's when they have 3 parental comments in their reading record.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you. The easiest way to contact us at the moment is via ClassDojo where we will help you as much as we can or arrange to meet you after school in a socially distant way.

## PE days:

Jay – Thursday Robin – Thursday Wren – Thursday Please ensure that your child has <u>trainers</u> in school on their PE day.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely, The Year 3 Team