



Stratton C. of E. Primary School  
*Unlock potential for lifelong learning*

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 3. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and we wish you a happy new year.

Please see the overview on the class page on the website, which will give an idea about the learning that will take place over the next term. We will consistently use our 'Learning Powers' to ensure we are being the best learner we can be.

Our whole class read this term is 'The Girl who stole an Elephant'. If anyone has a copy they would like to bring in, they would be more than welcome. They will also need their school library book each day - please can children read daily at home to enable them to quiz at least once every three weeks. It would be useful if they could have the opportunity to discuss the book they have chosen at home,

We are continuing to use Doodle for the children to access their homework. The program is adaptive and should suit needs of each individual child. Please could children spend at least 20 minutes in each section (maths, times tables, English and spelling) each week. If your child is having problems with the homework, please let us know.

We have offered all children a chance to take part in an oracy competition - 'Look Who's Talking'. If they would like to take part, they would need to speak about any subject they wish for 2 minutes to the class and see whether they can proceed further. The eventual school winner will have the opportunity to present their talk to another school. In Class 5, the first round (in-class speaking) will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

We will be attending Forest School on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> February- we will be outside in most weather so suitable clothing and footwear will be required. We also continue to organise playtimes to ensure the children

get the most from their time outside. They will need a change of shoes if they wish to play on the field or in the nature zone.

Our visit to 'The Living Rainforest' will take place on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We will need to leave school at 9am and hope to return by the end of the school day. Please can children wear school uniform and bring a packed lunch. No fizzy drinks or sweets please. They are welcome to bring along £5 for the gift shop if you would like them to.

Thank you and best regards,

Suzanne Boston, Claire Wenban, Vicki Brosch, Tina Brown  
Year 5 Team