Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

This half term is all about our school value 'Be Brave'. Please follow our seesaw to see updates weekly.

Best wishes
Mrs. Cockman and Miss Robinson

In **Computing** we are learning to:
- make our own moving pictures using post its
- use the iPads to create a stop frame animation
- use the images, we will create a story
- add other media to our presentation like music and text

In **Geography** we are learning about Rivers and we will:
- use different maps to locate rivers
- understand how rivers are formed and how they travel
- understand the Water Cycle
- identify why rivers are important to both humans and animals
- understand and identify flood plains

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In **English** we are;
- reading 'The Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells. We will be:
- exploring the main characters, their personalities and looking at why they act in a certain way
- using a setting 'toolbox' to unpick the techniques used to make a good description and then use them as we write our own settings

...be brave...

~ confront your fears and take a chance... mistakes are the best lessons ~

This is shown by the footsteps; this will remind you to be brave in your choices. You have to make a mistake sometimes to know how to make things right next time.

In **Science** we are learning about;
Magnets and Forces We will:
- identify simple forces eg pushes and pulls.
- investigate how different objects move across different surfaces and what friction means.
- explore magnets, finding out what attracts a magnet and what is repelled.
- identify the poles of a magnet.
- use scientific language when explaining forces.

In **Maths** we are:
- adding and subtracting numbers mentally, including a three-digit number and ones, tens or hundreds
- adding and subtracting numbers with up to three digits, using formal written methods of columnar addition and subtraction
- estimating the answer to a calculation and use inverse operations to check answers
- recalling and using multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables

In **French** we are:
- continuing to revise our greetings, ask how are you and reply
- revising numbers 1-10 and practice asking how old we are and responding
- naming the members of our family and be able to say who we have in our family
- exploring different languages

In **SPaG** we are:
- continuing to use capital letters and full stops
- revisiting inverted commas for speech
- using adverbs for manner
- expressing time using conjunctions
- using tenses – simple past/past progressive
- using subordination to give details about a character

We are also learning:
- **PSHE** – Celebrating Differences
- **RE**–What is it like to follow God?
- **PE** – Basketball – throwing, catching, dribbling the ball as well as team tactics and gymnastics – rolls, balances, sequences
- **Music** – Listening to traditional folk songs, exploring tempo, pitch and rhythm