



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. I'd like to say a big thank you, on behalf of Miss Harrold and I, for your kindness with your Christmas gifts at the end of last term.

This term our school value is perseverance and collective worship time in school will focus on this.

In English this term, we will be looking at new and modern fairy tales, myths and legends and focusing on stories from different viewpoints. The children will continue to write a range of text types and one we will be particularly focusing on this term is diaries and persuasive writing. We will be continuing to use more advanced punctuation in our writing and independently use dictionaries and thesauruses with written work.

In Maths, we will be continuing with multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables through TTRockstars where weekly battles amongst the children will continue. We will also be learning perimeter and area before moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages.

Our History topic for this half term is 'Sutton Who?' where we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will learn about what life was like during these periods of history and consider the similarities and differences between the eras.

In Science, we will be learning about forces and mechanisms. The children will be taking part in various experiments to investigate the effects of forces.

Home Learning

Homework will continue to go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday**. As before, Maths homework will reflect the learning the children are doing in school and Reading homework will be a comprehension.

Reading

Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 15-20 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you.

Spellings

We will be testing children on weekly spellings every **Friday**. The spellings will be posted on Showbie and sent home each week. The children can continue to use Ed Shed to practise their spellings.

General Reminders

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 18th January, Tuesday 8th February, Tuesday 15th March and Tuesday 5th April.

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit! ☺

Thank you for your continued support and here's to another great term!

Mr Hockaday