

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday and enjoyed spending some quality time together with your families. Long may the sunshine continue!

This term's value is friendship and collective worship time in school will focus on this.

In English this term, we will be continuing with our unit on persuasive writing and producing brochures based on the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will also be reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes during our poetry unit of work and 'Tom's Midnight Garden' the graphic novel. Throughout, we will be focussing on a range of text types whilst continuing to use more advanced punctuation. We will also be using dictionaries and thesauruses to aid our written work.

In Maths, we will be continuing with our work on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then be moving onto properties of shape, position and direction and converting units of measure. Finally, we will be recapping the four operations before the end of the year.

Our Geography topics for this term are the geography of Scandinavia and how rivers are formed and their impact on the landscape.

In Science, we will be continuing our work from last half-term on evolution and the significance of Charles Darwin and Carl Linnaeus before moving onto properties and changes of materials.

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: Wednesday 27th April, Tuesday 24th May and Wednesday 22nd June.

PE sessions: Every Thursday afternoon with Mr Tanner.

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