

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Christmas and really enjoyed spending some quality time together with your families. Miss Hamilton Gill and I would like to say a huge thank you for our Christmas hampers and other gifts at the end of last term - you are all far too generous!

This term our values are "Courage" and "Forgiveness" and worship time in school will focus on this. Also, in line with the British Value of democracy, the children will have a visit from two magistrates to talk about the work of the magistracy. Some children will then have the opportunity to represent the school in a Mock Trials competition against another local primary school. We will be hosting audition for Mock Trial parts later in the term - more information will follow on this.

In English, we will be reading the novel *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. Linked to the text, across the term the children will be writing letters, biographies, persuasive letters and balanced arguments. We will be continuing to work on our editing skills and ensuring we are using a wide range of punctuation in all of our pieces of writing.

In Maths, we will be focusing on fractions, percentages, decimals and measurement. We will be continuing to work on our arithmetic skills too (both calculation application and accuracy).

Home Learning

For this term, in the lead up to SATs, the children will now receive two pieces of homework a week. As normal, homework will go out on a Wednesday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. The first homework of the term will go out on Wednesday 14th January. Please can you ensure that both pieces of homework are completed at home and handed in on time each week; thank you for your support with this.

Reading

For Reading home learning this term, the children will receive a short SATs style comprehension to complete. Please encourage your child to read through the text carefully and use a highlighter/pencil to help to identify and key words/phrases in the text.

Maths

For Maths home learning this term, the children will have an arithmetic paper to have a go at. To begin with, there may be a couple of fractions/percentages questions that we won't have covered in school but please encourage your child to have a go nonetheless! Most of the questions your child should be able to answer confidently. The weekly arithmetic homework should take no longer than 20/25 minutes to complete.

Daily reading - support needed!

In Year 6, our expectation is that children read each day for **at least** 20-30 minutes every day. Your child can either read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you. There are bronze, silver and gold reading bookworms available to earn so hopefully your child will be earning one in the very near future if they haven't already!

General Reminders

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 27th January (Spring 2 dates to follow)

Stay and Share session: Friday 6th March at 9am

PE Day: Friday

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

Thank you again for all of your support - it really is appreciated. Here's to another great term ahead!

Mr Hockaday