



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to the Spring Term! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for another great term.

In reading lessons, children will be reading **Macbeth by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross** which ties in with our work on Macbeth in our English lessons. Please do encourage reading at home to support children's fluency and comprehension.

Our Spring 1 topic will be geography and we will be studying **South America**. We will be using map skills to locate South America on a world map, and to locate the countries and capital cities in South America. We will be looking at the Inca Empire and looking more closely at the Andes Mountains, the Atacama Desert, the Amazon Rainforest and the country of Brazil.

Our writing focus for Spring 1 will be **Macbeth** as part of our work as an RSC Associate School. We will spend some time learning the play through drama before moving on to studying, and then writing our own soliloquys and balanced arguments.

In maths, we will begin our Spring term working on **algebra** before moving onto **decimals**. The children will be learning how to write expressions, solve equations, round decimals and multiply and divide decimals by integers. We will also be completing more practice SATs tests in order see what needs to be supported further in the children's learning.

Our science focus will be **Light** which will include how light travels, learning the different parts of the eye and identifying how we see. We will also conduct a range of investigations using prisms, investigating shadows and making periscopes to test our knowledge of light and how it travels.

Each week, children will continue to have one maths activity or spelling and grammar activity for **homework** set every Friday. **Spelling tests** will continue to take place on Mondays with 10 spellings being sent home weekly to learn for the test. Children should be continuing to read at home for 20 minutes a day and writing this in their **reading record** as this will have a hugely positive impact on their progress. They should also be spending 5 minutes a day practicing their times tables on **TT Rockstars**. Knowing their times tables well will be good preparation for the more complicated maths that we are learning in Year 6.

PE kits are required to be worn on a Monday and a Thursday. A reminder that on all other days, children should be in their school uniform. Can we also remind parents that the only piece of jewellery worn to school should be a **single pair of stud earrings**, and these should be removed on PE days.

A reminder that our Celebration Assemblies are on Monday mornings at 9am. You are welcome to attend these when your child is Star of the Week. You will be notified on the Friday before if you child is Star of the Week.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's education, please get in touch via ClassDojo or catch us on the playground at the end of the day.

Thank you,

Miss Howell and Mrs Moss