



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.

Our Spring 1 topic will be Geography and we will be studying **Mediterranean Europe**. We will be finding out about the climate, mountain ranges and some settlements in the area. We will be researching both the human and physical features of Mediterranean Europe to extend our knowledge of the area.

This term, we will be using Ted Hughes' **'the Iron Man'** as our text for whole class reading lessons during Spring 1 and then **'Escape From Pompeii'** by Christina Balit during Spring 2 which ties in with our Spring 2 history topic of the **Romans**.

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, playscripts and persuasive writing. We will then move onto **'Adventure at Sandy Cove'** a suspense story that will inspire our narrative writing.

In maths, we will begin our Spring term working on **multiplication and division** which will include formal written methods for 2-digit and 3-digit numbers as well as multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. We will then move onto **length and perimeter** before continuing onto **fractions and decimals** in Spring 2.

Our science focus will be **Classification of Animals and Plants** in Spring 1 which will concentrate on life cycles and classification, which will allow us to explore the habitats within the school grounds as part of the topic. In Spring 2 we will then move onto **The Human Body** which will focus on the building blocks of the human body including, teeth and the digestive system.

We will continue to send home a piece of maths or English homework every Friday with it due back in the following Friday. Spelling tests will continue to take place on Mondays with 10 spellings being sent home weekly to learn for the test. Please continue to read with your child(ren) at home and sign their reading record as this will have a hugely positive impact on their progress.

Times tables up to 12x12 continue to be a major focus building up to the government's multiplication check in the summer term. We practice times tables every day as well as having times table rockstars available for daily practice and a times table lesson every week. Please encourage your child(ren) to practice regularly at home to ensure fluency in these number facts as this will then positively impact their learning in other areas of maths.

PE kits are required to be worn on a Tuesday and Wednesday. A reminder that on all other days, children should be in their school uniform. Jewellery is not permitted during PE lessons so please make sure that children can remove their own earrings or bring in tape to cover them. This is a health and safety issue during these sessions.

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 ClassDojo when your 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 Russell