



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and that you have managed to rest and recharge after the festivities. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have lots of exciting things planned. Mrs Balderson will be with us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as we start out Carousel sessions for English and Maths.

Reading

As part of our whole class reading sessions this term, we will be reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. As part of these sessions, your child will continue to have the opportunity to hear the text read aloud by an adult, discuss the text in depth and answer a variety of questions about the text. We encourage children to be reading regularly at home and they will have the opportunity to share the texts they read and make recommendations to their peers. This term we are also taking part in the Shropshire Bookfest Project where children will have the opportunity to read six chosen books and vote for their favourite author. This project will also involve different competitions that the children can enter if they wish to and there will be an awards ceremony at Theatre Severn later this year to award author of the most voted for book and also any competition winners. More information about this will be sent out in due course.

Times Tables

Children realise the importance of times tables and how these facts need to be instantly known to enable them to work efficiently and fluently across a range of more complex areas in maths. Therefore, could we ask that you keep up this practise as much as possible to further embed this crucial knowledge. Times Tables Rockstars is still available for children to access at home. Your child should know their password well by now but please do ask if you have any issues accessing this online.

Spellings

Spellings are set on Thursday and tested the following Thursday. We will always go through these in school; however, they should also be practised regularly at home. Your child has been given a range of spelling strategies in their homework book to support them in learning their spellings.

Finally, just a reminder that our PE days for this half term will be a Tuesday and Thursday. In the second half term, PE days will be Wednesday and Thursday. Therefore, children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure that your child has suitable kit and footwear for each of these sessions, especially during the cold weather.

Thank you for your cooperation. Our door is always open should you have any concerns or questions.

Kind regards,

Mr Firmstone-Hill and Mrs Tyson

Below you can see an overview of the learning that will take place across the curriculum in the Spring term.

