



## Welcome Back!

Many thanks for all the kind cards and generous gifts that I received from you and the children for Christmas. I hope everybody had a restful break. We have made a very positive and focussed start to term 3 and have an exciting and busy term of learning planned, as well as starting booster work and SATs practise.

## Spellings

Children will continue to be given spellings every week to learn at home and in school. Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings and encourage them to use the words given to them as often as possible. This could be when they are speaking or when they are writing. Pupils will be given spellings every Friday and tested on them the following Friday.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be given out every Friday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday. The homework will comprise of maths using My Maths, and on some occasions, they will have work from the CGP 10-minute tests books. This is in addition to the daily reading and spellings they will receive.

**Homework is an important part of learning.**

**Please** help your child to become responsible for completing and handing in their work independently.

## Reading

Children should have a reading book to take home and bring back to school every day. It is important that your child reads at home for at least ten minutes every day and a few times a week out loud to an adult. It is still important to spend this time reading, even in year 6, as it helps with fluency, expression and understanding new vocabulary. It is also important to question and discuss the book with your child to support understanding. As you listen to your child read, please record any comments in their reading record. Once they have finished reading the book, please encourage your child to change it. If children read four times a week your child will receive a house point.

## Music

Music will be taught by Mrs Ravening. This will be the unit of work - A New Year Carol and You've got a friend - using Charanga.

### Art

This term, we will be focusing on collage: looking at composition, colour, light, abstract images and underlying messages. We will look at the work of Edward Weston and Edvard Munch.

### RE

In term 3, we will cover the topics of Christmas and Revelation. The Christmas unit has a particular focus given to St John's Prologue, which describes Jesus as 'the Word'. The Revelation unit examines the conversion of St Paul. The impact of this conversion to himself, on those around him and the Church are considered.

In term 4, our units will be Lent and Holy Week.

### Topic

In terms 3 and 4, we will be studying the Victorians. We will focus on Queen Victoria's life, family and homes. We will also learn about major inventions of the period as well as other aspects of the daily lives of Victoria's subjects. Workhouses and child labour are studied through fiction texts. Census data, maps and buildings will provide us in developing an understanding of local history.

### Science

In science, pupils will be learning about living things and their habitats. By the end of the unit, they should be able to describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and difference, including micro-organisms, plants and animals. They should also be able to give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics.

### PSHE

Within PSHE this term, we will be celebrating our differences. Looking at ourselves, finding and identifying what it is that makes us so unique and one of a kind.

### English

This term, we will be reading 'Freedom on the Menu' by Carol Boston- Weatherford and 'Rise' by Bethany Hegedus. We will focus on narrative features such as creating atmosphere and showing character through speech, as well as a focus on using higher level punctuation. Our non-fiction unit will study the features of recounts with a focus on appropriate use of formal and informal language.

### Mathematics

In terms 3 and 4, we will cover percentages, decimals, fractions, ratio and proportion, algebra, area, perimeter and volume. We will also continue our focus on arithmetic.

Please ensure that your child has a rapid recall of their multiplication facts -

***'Learning your times tables fluently is so important for children – both for their time in school and in day-to-day life.'***

Schools Minister, Nick Gibb

### PE

All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills. PE is on Thursday with the sports coach. It is expected that children wear the correct kit for every lesson which includes: school yellow t-shirt, school hoodie, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or daps. Indoor PE will focus on dance and outdoor PE will focus on hockey.