

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope that you had a lovely break and are excited for the new year!



In **English** this term we will be working to improve our spelling, punctuation and grammar skills. We will begin the term by looking at how to use persuasive language in our writing and making our very own leaflets. We will be creating our own twisted fairy tales in story writing by taking popular texts and making changes to them! The children will be introduced to a new genre this term - letter writing. The children will learn how to use persuasive language and to write formally.

We will continue with our daily **Guided Reading** sessions focussing heavily on retrieval, inference and vocabulary. As always, we will continue to send home texts to read at home. Please remember to read with your child at least three times a week with a written comment in their reading record. We will also start weekly parent sessions in class on Mondays from 2:50 pm, please join if you can!

In **Maths** this term we will be covering a range of topics including capacity and money. The children will continue to practice their arithmetic skills daily through fluency sessions. Please remember to check TT-Rockstars for their weekly home learning!



In **Science** we will be learning all about materials and their properties. The children will explore and investigate the purpose of materials and what products they are best suited to.



In **Geography** we will be using our map skills! The children will learn all about aerial view maps, compass points and the UK and its capital cities.

PE this term will focus on target practise, including dodgeball! Our sessions will be on a Thursday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school at all times and earrings are removed.

In **Art** the children will be learning all about collage through the artist Matisse. In **computing** we will be focussing on learning about planets and how astronauts live in space! We will look at the International Space Station and explore what mysteries space holds. You can look on the website for experiments in space or the ISS tracker live view to discuss how the weather and temperature is being recorded from the space, if your child would like to have a go at home. In **PSHE** we will be discussing feelings, how to keep safe, our dreams and goals. In **RE** we will learning about the importance of prayer in Islam.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an expectation in Year Two. Home Learning will be set every Monday and due the following Monday. Children who do not complete these tasks will do so in their own time at school. Therefore, if you are having any issues with home learning please come and have a chat with me! I will do whatever I can to help. All children will be asked to complete weekly tasks on Spelling Shed and TT-Rockstars. These should take no longer than 20 minutes each. We will do a weekly spelling check of 8 -10 words in class to see how the children are progressing with the words set on Spelling Shed. They will include the words sent home at the end of the autumn term. Please let me know if you would like any help with this.



We look forward to an exciting term ahead!

Many thanks,

Mrs Danacica and Mrs Porter