

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a good Christmas. May I take this opportunity to say thank you for my little gifts at the end of term, they were very thoughtful and much appreciated.

We have another busy, six and a half week term ahead of us. Below I have outlined what we will cover this term.

English EYFS	Our children are making fantastic progress with their phonics, reading and writing. We will finish off the sounds from Phase 3 phonics this term and use them to write our own sentences. We will practice using capital letters and full stops as well as practise writing simple instructions. We will continue to enjoy sharing and talking about quality books every day as part of our reading provision.
English KS1	We will begin the term with a narrative unit with a space theme. We will practice the use of conjunctions to make more complex sentences as well as refine our use of a variety of punctuation. We will then move on to explanation texts and use our work on plants in Science as a stimulus for our writing. We continue to develop our reading comprehension skills through book talk sessions as well as sharing a daily story at the end of the day. Please look out for the Sharing Books at Home initiative being launched this term.
Maths EYFS	EYFS will be looking at the composition of numbers 4 and 5 this term and learning their number bonds off by heart. They will also reinforce their understanding of same as, more than and fewer than when comparing quantities of objects. Later in term we will look the composition of number 6, 7 and 8 before looking at measurement of length and height towards the end of the term
Maths Year 1	We begin the term with learning about place value with numbers to 20. We then move onto learning about written and pictorial methods for adding and subtracting numbers to 20. Towards the end of the term we learn about place value with numbers to 50.
Maths Year 2	We begin the term with a unit about money, learning all the notes and coins in our money system as well as calculating totals, finding the difference between totals and calculating change. Children are increasingly less exposed to real money in everyday life and so any opportunity to handle coins and make amounts of money at home will be useful practise. We then spend the rest of the term looking at written methods for multiplication and division. Please, please spend time helping your child learn their times tables for x2, x5 and x10 this term
Science	Our unit is called Young Masterchefs. We will look at what animals need to survive. How seeds and bulbs grow. We will look at which parts of the plant we can eat as well as recapping what a healthy diet looks like.
Geography	Our unit is called People and Communities. We will begin with looking at our local area and what it is like and where it is located in the world. We will then look at a variety of different environments and communities across the world : rainforests, deserts, coastal communities and large cities. We will then end the term with making maps of our local area.

RE	Mrs Davies will continue our work what it means to be a Muslim. The children will find out more about the Qur'an, the 5 pillars of Islam and how Muslims conduct their prayers.
Computing	We will begin a unit on coding this term . Each year group will have different work so that as they move through Key Stage One, they develop the skills needed in each year. Please support your child to be computer literate by helping them to log on themselves to Mathletics, Purple Mash, Edshed – some of our children are able to do this but some are not – it is a key skill which you can help with at home. Please remember to supervise your child on the internet at all times particularly with access to Youtube content.
DT	Mrs Russell will be looking at free standing structures with a focus on playground equipment. The children will be learning how to make stable structures in card including how to build a frame.
PE	We will be <b>swimming on Thursdays</b> this term for our final block of lessons this year. Please look at the newsletter for when these commence. Miss Cole will also be teaching invasion games on Fridays.
Music	Mrs Davies will be teaching a unit with a space theme.
RSE	This term we will be focusing on how to keep ourselves healthy as this links to our work in science.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be issued in the children's green homework books. Please ask if you are unsure about how to complete this work. I will continue to set 2 items a week on Mathletics for children in Year 1 and 2 – please check that you have supported your child to complete all the units from last term. Spellings can be practised using the edshed login provided in their reading record books if you have time. As ever, hearing your child read every day continues to be a top priority for our children.

### Clothing

Please continue to wear full school uniform to school everyday. Please also provide your child with a warm coat, gloves and hat as the weather can be cold at playtimes and we do not have sufficient spares to hand out to everyone. Please continue to name your child's clothes so that these can be returned easily.

Please continue to come and see me at the end of day with any questions or concerns.

With best wishes

Mrs Spring

