

First of all let us wish you a **Happy New Year** and thank you for your cooperation in Term 1. It is hard to believe we are at Term 2 already.

We have put together an overview of some things we hope to do in school during this term. Hopefully you will find this informative and helpful.

In Mathematics

- Quick recall of 3 and 4 times tables and corresponding division facts
- Practical work on place value of HTU using Dienes Equipment, abacus and digit fans
- Explore and count numbers in threes, fours, hundreds and fifties.
- Develop addition, subtraction and multiplication through formal recording
- Explore and use efficient mental calculation strategies
- Money shopping bills, totalling amounts greater than £1 and finding change
- Estimating and measuring length using metres and centimetres
- Telling the time in five-minute intervals
- Explore 3-D shapes and their properties
- Continue working with simple fractions of everyday objects such as apples, pizzas and in pictures up to tenths, fractions of number will be linked with division.
- Creating Pictographs, Bar Charts and Venn diagrams to record and read information
- Weight and capacity investigations using standard and non-standard units.

<u>In Literacy</u>

- To encourage the enjoyment of reading in class and for pleasure through shared and independent activities
- To explore various aspects of creative writing related to WW2 and Cold Lands topic e.g. instructive, imaginative, letter writing, factual reports and poetry
- To use learned grammar concepts and spelling patterns to help with independent writing e.g. opposites, contractions, homophones and connectives
- To use joined handwriting consistently across the curriculum
- Continue to apply phonic knowledge to assist with decoding and improve reading fluency



World Around Us

- Complete our WW2 topic and begin Cold Lands topic -this will include a WW2 day in school, ICT, Music and Art activities
- Recognising the signs of change in the seasons from Winter to Spring
- Discuss using electricity safely

Many of the above activities will involve the use of ICT including the iPad, computer suite and the Pro Bot. We have planned to take some of these activities outside as part of Outdoor Learning.

Other Activities

- PDMU PATHS Programme/Children's Mental Health Week
- PE ball control, teamwork and WW2 street games

From time to time we may ask for resources that you might have at home that we could use to enhance our learning in class. If sending an item into class – please label with your child's name.

At this time of year, it is worth checking if your child's supply of whiteboard pens and pencils needs topped up.

Last term, our P4 classes were smartly presented and had their uniform well named. Please continue to check that new and existing **items of school uniform and P.E. kit are all named clearly**. It makes a big difference!

We would like to remind you also of the importance of **homework** for consolidation of work done in school. The dates on homeworks correspond to when work will be covered in class. We ask that you please sign the work when it is completed and of an acceptable standard.

When children are **absent**, please explain their absence by sending an email or Seesaw message to the class teacher. There is no need to also contact the school office.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with us, please send your child's class teacher an email or message on Seesaw. We will ensure we have responded within 48 hours.

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