

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed the Christmas break and that the children are ready for the busy term ahead!

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out every Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Please can you also ensure reading books are handed in every Tuesday so that they can be changed and ready to give out on Thursdays.

Numeracy

Children will focus on various aspects of maths, including:

- 2D & 3D shape
- Statistics
- Mental addition and subtraction
- Area, perimeter & volume
- Cube, prime and square numbers
- Order of operations (BODMAS)
- Ratio and proportion

English

Children will continue to focus on various aspects of English, which will be linked to our new novel *Street Child*.

- Setting description
- Letters
- Diary entries
- Biography
- Non-chronological reports
- Adverts

Computing

This half term children will learn how to plan, produce and edit a short TV advert. This will be linked to our novel and the idea will be based on searching for a missing person (Jim).

Science

This half term, Year 5/6 will be completing the Science unit: Changing Circuits. Through this unit children will consolidate their knowledge of circuits and how they work, and then extend their knowledge of electrical circuits through various activities including learning about circuit symbols and investigating bulb brightness.

Topic

We will be learning all about Victorian Britain, which is linked to our novel in English.

P.E.

We will be doing gymnastics this half term. Please ensure your child is wearing an appropriate PE kit to school every **Friday**.

Swimming

The children will continue to attend swimming lessons this term. This will take place at Spennymoor Leisure Centre every **Monday**. Your child will need to bring a bag containing their swimming costume, swimming hat and a towel (goggles are optional). Children should not wear any jewellery on swimming days.

R.E.

In RE, this half term, Year 5/6 will be exploring the question; How and why do religious people show care for others? They will consider what is meant by a 'good deed' then go on to explore why and how various religions care for others.

Art/DT

The children's art work will be based on our topic, Victorian Britain. The children will be given the opportunity to explore painting and printing in the style of William Morris.

PSHE

This half term we are looking at ways to keep ourselves and others safe. The children will be given different situations and asked to comment on how they would feel and react.

Music

The children will continue to play the ukulele and they will be practising new tunes using the chords they have learnt last term.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Mowbray & Miss Dodds



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