
“This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.”

— Taylor Swift

Welcome back, I hope you’ve all had a chance to soak up the sunshine and relax and are now ready for this new academic year. I know I can’t wait to get to know you all.

In **English** we will be looking at The Highway Man, explanation texts and how to write for suspense. We will also begin to look at the book Wonder by R.J Palacio and hopefully finish it before the film comes out later this year.

In **Maths** we will be looking at and exploring numbers up to the millions and the power of 10.

Our first **Topic** of the year is Vikings and Anglo-Saxons it promises to be quite an interesting topic. I know there’s a lot of fun and gory information to fit in. We will finish this unit by having Portals to the Past come in for a fun-packed day. *More details to follow.*

In **P.E.** this half-term we will be learning all about tag rugby and gymnastics. Our P.E. days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Your child’s P.E. kit should be brought in on a Monday morning and taken home to be washed on a Friday. Please make sure they have warm clothes as we will be outside.

During **Science** we will be looking at classifying solids liquids and gases.

In **Religious Education** we be looking at Buddhism and the Noble Truths and path to enlightenment.

Homework there will be weekly tests for tables and spellings. I will also set homework challenges on Sumdog. Starting from the second week of term, children will bring home a daily maths test. It is designed to take a few minutes and it can be marked at home. I expect the children to bring it in the next morning. Please make sure your child’s reading log is being written in each time they are reading.

I am always happy to speak to you about any concerns or good news you would like to share. I’m available most mornings before school and after school or if it’s something you’d rather speak about on the playground you can message me through ClassDojo.

Remember bring your P.E kits in on Monday and take them home on a Friday and bring Forest School clothes in on a Monday morning and take them home on the Monday afternoon.

And remember just like Master Yoda says in Attack of the Clones, “Truly wonderful, the mind of a child is.” Let’s see where those wonderful minds take us this half-term.

Ta ta for now,

Mr Watson

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