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## Red Deer Spring newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year!

This coming term is a short one but an incredibly busy one. The major factor driving learning this term is the SATs taking place early in the summer term. We will be increasing the amount of preparation over the course of the term in order to ensure the children are absolutely prepared for what they will face in May. As part of this there will be a 'mock SATs' week beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> February. The aim of this week is to run it exactly how things will be in May to give the children a good idea on what to expect. It also helps us with assessment and where/who we need to target with extra support.

In maths we will be continuing our focus on number with particular focus on arithmetic – including concepts such as adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers including fractions, BIDMAS, percentages, decimals and place value. In addition to this, we will also be covering other concepts including angles, shape, movement, measurement, statistics, and probability and looking at reasoning and problem solving.

English learning will focus on different genres of writing including fiction, poetry, persuasive and journalistic. We will be developing our grammatical knowledge and applying these to the writing areas being learnt. We will also be continuing to spend a lot of time looking at reading comprehension and how to read analytically with reference to the text.

At the end of all this learning we have the Kingswood trip to look forward to, which will be a welcome break I'm sure!

Homework will continue to be spellings, reading at home (everyday) and my maths online. Any problems with internet access please come and see me. Spellings will be tested and given on Thursdays instead of Friday this term.

P.E. will continue to be on Thursday afternoon.

Our class assembly is on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for all your support so far this term, I hope I can rely on your support in the challenging and demanding times ahead. Also Miss Sorrell and I would like to thank you for our wonderful Christmas presents, we really appreciated them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Scott (*Year 6 and Deputy Head*)

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