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We hope you all enjoyed a very Happy Christmas and we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! THANK YOU for all the lovely cards and presents which you gave to us at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated.

It is lovely to welcome the children back. They have returned to school so well, very sensibly and ready to learn.

Here is an overview of what we will be learning during the Spring term:



RE

Christmas

* Exploring the circumstances of Jesus' birth and what effect that had on the ministry of the Church.

Revelation

- Understanding the recognition of God's revelation of Himself in Jesus by John The Baptist.

Lent

* Understanding of the Temptation of Jesus and the symbolism of Lent.

Looking at ways in which we prepare for Easter to become more like Jesus.

Other Faiths – Judaism

* Continuing the introduction to the Jewish faith.

English

Our English work this term will be based on our new writing scheme: Talk for Writing.

We will be focussing on a writing warning narrative. We will be using a mixture of drama, retelling through pictures and using short-burst writing, to support us in writing our final narrative.

Reading will be a top priority throughout the term. We will read every day in class both independently and read our class book.



Maths

- Fractions
- Multiplication and Division
- Decimals and Percentages
- Perimeter and Area
- Statistics

Formal and informal letters

Diary entries

Arithmetic including:

- Column addition and subtraction
- Long multiplication
- Long division
- Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Percentage of amounts
- Fractions of amounts
- Decimals



Science: Forces, Properties and changes of materials

PE: Handball, Health-related exercise

History: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings

RSHE: Friendships and Relationships, Staying safe

DT: Mechanical systems

Computing: Online Safety



PE

This will normally take place on Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that P.E kit is in school every day, as it may be required for additional games activities and that **ALL KIT IS NAMED**.



Reading

Reading is so important and it is vital that the children read or are read to every day. Our expectation is that the children read for at least 20 minutes each day at home. Children need to record their reading in their diary and parents are to sign it at the end of each week. Reading diaries are collected in every Monday.



Homework

During the Spring term, the children will continue to have Maths homework every week. It is important that the children are organised in handing it in on time and completing it to the best of their ability. If they do not hand it in, they will be completing it during their lunchtime. We are free most lunchtimes, so please encourage them to come and ask if there is a problem. Homework will be set on Friday to be in for the following Wednesday.

Leeson House residential trip

We are getting very excited about our upcoming residential trip to Leeson House.

We will be holding a parent information evening, which will be confirmed shortly.

The children

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their forms already, however we still have a few outstanding. Please could we kindly ask you to hand these in as soon as possible.

If there are any issues, please come and speak to either Miss Wright or Mrs Wasmuth, or the office if you have any queries.



Mobile phones

Please ensure that if your child has a phone, you are checking your child's phones regularly. Just a reminder that the age restriction for Whatsapp is 16, so no child in Year 5 should be using the app and setting up group chats. If your child does bring a phone into school, it **MUST** be handed into the office every morning and collected at the end of the day.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is dressed smartly and always has the correct uniform on. School shoes are to be worn and not trainers. Long hair needs to be tied back. No jewellery is to be worn. If you have any questions, please ask.



Attendance

It is vital that your child is in school every day and only off if they are really unwell. Children need to be punctual to school as we start learning as soon as the children arrive at **8.45am**. Any child arriving after 9.00am has already missed 15 minutes learning and often feel anxious as everyone else is already in class and has started their learning for the day.



As always, please contact us if you have any concerns or queries about your child. We look forward to seeing you all again at parents' evening in March.

Yours sincerely
Miss Wright and Mrs Wasmuth