

January 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

Our topic this term will focus around the enquiry question, 'How has the landscape shaped the routes of the River Wye and the Yangtze River?' There is a topic web and knowledge organiser attached with this letter which outlines our learning in this topic as well as across the curriculum. It will also be uploaded to the school website if you need to refer to it at any point. It may be useful to go through the knowledge organiser with your child at home.

This term our usual PE sessions remain on a Monday and Thursday. On these days, please ensure that your child comes into school dressed in their PE kits, wearing trainers rather than daps in case of wet weather. If your child has had their ears pierced, they will need to remove their earrings before PE. If they are newly pierced, please ensure that you send in some tape to cover them. Can we please remind everybody to label all items of clothing, particularly jumpers, as this greatly helps when items go amiss. Please can all children ensure they have a named coat in school at all times. Nobody likes sitting in wet clothing when the rain decides to make an unexpected appearance!

As you will know, this term our homework expectations have changed and from this Thursday, every week your child will bring home Maths and SPaG homework. As explained in the homework letter, the work should be accessible as it will be based upon things we have covered in school. If you do need or wish to support your child though, please could you indicate this on the pages so we are aware of their independent capabilities to inform our and their next steps. Homework diaries continue to be stamped daily and raffle tickets given on a Monday. Well done to our first winner, James, of the reading raffle!

How we learn Times Tables has slightly changed too. We have introduced a Times Table booklet in Year 6. Every Maths lesson begins with this booklet and we spend up to 10 minutes on this. We have noticed that our fluency still needs improving and so we have decided to start afresh with our tables, beginning with the 2's. Despite this, we will still cover all of the times tables before the end of the year. Please continue to support your children at home with their times tables. Little and often works well (on the way to school, up and down the stairs, eating breakfast – anywhere, anytime!).

Please check Dojo regularly where we will send reminders, notices and share our learning. We will also keep the website updated so do check there too. We want to keep communication open, so please do get in touch if you have any concerns or questions. Mrs Roberts is around at the end of the school day or you can use Dojo if you'd prefer. If your message is anything to do with absences, medical appointments, early/late pick up, please contact Mrs Hinde in the office at the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Tranter

