



Class Newsletter: Spring 2025

Mars

Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have all had a great Christmas break. Once again we have a busy term planned in Mars Class.

In our Geography topic this term, we will be learning about the 'Continents of the world (including Oceans)', this will include naming and locating continents. In Art we are exploring colours, identifying primary and secondary colours. We will be looking at different Artists and creating our own. We will continue to have PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, where we will be learning Dance and Target Games. In Science we are learning about everyday materials and their properties. Later in Term 4, in History, we will be learning about 'The First Aeroplane Flight'. In DT we will be exploring inventions and applying what we have learnt in Science.

Thank you for your continued support with the children's Reading and Spelling Lists. The next tests for these lists will be WB Monday 20th January 2025. This is slightly later than written on the letters due the Christmas break. If your child is finding learning the words tricky try just focusing on 5 words at a time, adding in more as they begin to make progress in learning them. Parents have recommended spelling apps such as 'Teach Monster', 'Hairy Letters', 'Squeebles' and 'Spelling Shed' in the past.

We will continue to check your child's individual reading books every Friday and change if needed, we will also do this as we read throughout the week. Please note your child must read their individual book three times in order to achieve the expected level of fluency and comprehension. All children will have the opportunity to take home a story book from our school book corner and can let us know when they need a new one.

In Maths, we will begin the term learning about 'Place Value to 20', extending our learning of 'Place Value to 10' which we covered back in Term 1. This will include identifying, comparing and ordering all numbers to 20. We are working hard to learn to count back from 20 (then 30 etc) so it would be great to have a go at this at home too. In English we are reading 'Hermelin,' we will be writing a story, letter and learning how to use question marks. We will then move onto 'Where the Wild Things are,' we will be writing a story and an informative text. We are continuing to use full stops and punctuation in our writing.

If you have any issues, worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rew and Mrs Mackenzie

