

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the festive season and were able to have a relaxing time. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm and are really excited about our new topic for the term, 'Children of the World.' This topic has a geography focus and there are many opportunities for creative, cross-curricular learning. Please see the curriculum map for further details.

We are so lucky to have links all over the globe with children in our class and we really want to make the most of them during this topic; we will have a world diversity day later in the term celebrating this. The first homework task links strongly to our topic too. We will be looking at the similarities and differences of a day in a child's life in different parts of the world throughout the term.

On Wednesday 16th March, the Beam House residential will take place. There will hopefully be an opportunity to tell you more about this in person, closer to the time. Please be assured that all your questions will be answered. For those children remaining, Miss Mann is arranging some exciting events for you and Year 3.

We will be continuing with the homework routine established last term. The expectation is that children should spend 30 minutes each evening doing some homework. This could be reading, practising handwriting, spellings and times tables, using 'Mathletics', 'Maths Shed/Spelling Shed' or 'Times Table Rockstars.' A minimum expectation at this stage of the year is for a school reading book to be changed at least once, if not twice, a week. Spelling tests will now take place on a Thursday.

Please remember, if your child is still uncertain of their times tables, please keep helping them to learn. In the Summer, the children in Year 4 will be taking the first multiplication tables check, as required by the Government.

Our PE slots continue to be on Monday and Wednesday. Please continue to send your child in St. Andrew's PE kit and blue/black tracksuits and leggings. Please ensure there is fresh water in a water bottle each day too. Mr Napier will work with the class on alternate Thursdays and we are fortunate that Miss Malein will be working with some children at different stages of the afternoon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can promptly address them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for an exciting and productive 2022!

Mr. Stonebridge, Mrs. Eggar, Mr. Napier and Miss Malein