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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had a wonderful break. As we get closer to our SATs, we will start preparing the children with extra sessions and boosters for those whom we feel would benefit from an extra push. During the school day, children will attend a second shorter revision session for Maths which will help them to prepare for their tests. Letters will be coming out regarding after-school booster sessions and I would strongly suggest that these are taken up to help children who need that extra push to get over the line. The sessions will provide children with the opportunity to work with teachers in small groups (of roughly 10), where they can be more confident and work towards plugging any gaps they have in their learning. This will not only prepare them for their SATs but also put them in the best possible position for when they get to secondary school next year.



Whilst there will be more preparation for their SATs, they will, I am sure, be delighted with their new topic for the term will be 'Heroes Vs Villains', based around Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. As part of the topic, they will visit Harry Potter World on 6th March. In DT they will be taking inspiration from Diagonal Alley to construct their own buildings. They will be using a mixture of materials, tools and equipment and will have to apply their understanding of how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures. Further to this,

they will be using Scratch coding to recreate the scene of Harry defeating Professor Quirrell. Harry Potter will also serve as the basis of our learning in English, where we will be writing to entertain, with a character description based around the sorting hat scene, and writing to persuade, with a persuasive speech where children will write as Harry convincing Dumbledore to give him more house points. We will be finishing our book from last term, The Graveyard Book, before focusing on extracts from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.



In Topic, climate change is the focus with children looking at what is happening to the Arctic and climate change around the world. Children will learn about climate zones, natural resources, energy sources and causes of climate change, amongst other things. As part of their Science, children will be discovering about classifications and microorganisms through some exciting experiments. The religion that they will be focusing on in RE is Buddhism and in PE they will be exploring Gymnastics and Rugby.

In Maths, the children will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. Some will continue to work on carrying out calculations using the four operations with fractions, as well as consolidate their understanding of simplifying, equivalents, improper and mixed numbers in fractions. Some will move on to associating fractions with division and

calculating decimal fraction equivalents, identifying the value of each digit in numbers with up to 3 decimal places and multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,100, 1000 giving answers up to 3 decimal places. They will also learn to multiply and divide using decimals and use their understanding of the equivalences between simple fractions, decimals and percentages in different contexts.

In terms of supporting your child’s learning at home, the teachers would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring children are reading for at least 20 minutes per day and signing their Reading Records. Where possible, practising their times tables to become fluent in their recall is an invaluable tool to help them progress in Maths. There are many games online to help children practise their times tables, including those which are available on Mathletics.

As a request from the teachers, please can I remind parents that the school policy states that children must wear black shoes and not trainers.

Kind regards,

Mr Khan
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