



Hello,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. It has been lovely hearing the children's stories about their holiday adventures. We have an exciting Spring Term ahead!

This half-term, we are diving into two exciting topics: **Light** and **Extreme Earth**. These themes will be explored through our English, Science, Geography and Whole Class Reading lessons. Through the unit: **Light**, the children will investigate the concept of light, focusing on light sources, shadows and the role that light plays in our daily lives. Meanwhile, our **Extreme Earth** topic will introduce the children to the destructive powers of nature, including volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes.

Our **PE days** this term are **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Therefore, your child will need to be in PE kit for both days. On Mondays, your child will take part in **cricket sessions** which may take place outdoors (weather permitting). Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder months. On Wednesdays, they will be doing **Dance** (indoors) run by Derby County.

New spellings will continue to be set every Friday, with a spelling test the following Friday. Please support your child in completing the *Look, Cover, Write, Check* activity alongside Twinkl Spelling. If your child finds another method of practicing spellings that works better for them, I am more than happy for them to use this preferred method.

Finally, attached is our new **homework menu**, which links closely to our **Light** and **Extreme Earth topics**. If you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to catch me at the end of the day or contact me via email through the school office.

Kind regards,
Miss King

<u>Science- Light</u> Throughout this unit, children will explore light, reflections, and shadows. We will learn about different sources of light through a range of investigations and creative tasks.	<u>French</u> The children will be exploring different fruits. Throughout this half term the children will learn how to say a range of different fruits, give opinions and ask specific questions.	<u>Geography- Extreme Earth</u> Throughout this topic children about the destructive powers of nature, from volcanoes and earthquakes to tsunamis and tornadoes.
<u>English</u> We will begin with our focus topic: light to produce an explanation text. Our example text is called 'The Night Hunter' looking at life as nocturnal animals. The children will explore a variety of techniques and features, for example: headings, overarching information and cause & effect techniques to produce their very own. The children will also be creating a persuasive advert. This will be based on the 'extreme weather survival suitcase' the children will be creating throughout their Geography lessons.	Year 3 Spring 1 	<u>Maths</u> Multiplication and Division We shall be continuing our topic of Multiplication and Division. Once we have explored the 4- and 8-times tables, we will be working towards multiplying 2-digit numbers. Length and Perimeter Our second topic of this half term is Length and Perimeter. The children will be taught how to measure using a range of units, compare measurements and calculate perimeters of simple shapes.
<u>Art</u> Our focus is 'Sculpture and 3D: Abstract shape and space'. We will explore how shapes and negative spaces can be represented by three dimensional forms. The children will work towards creating a free-standing structure inspired by the works of Anthony Caro.	<u>PE</u> <u>Dance</u> Gymnastics: The children will work towards creating a motif. They will learn to respond to different stimuli, being able to add drama and emotion to the dance. They will then extend their dance skills by using more than one theme to create movements and actions forming longer sequences. <u>Cricket</u> The children will work towards developing their throwing, catching and batting skills to score against their opponents. They will also develop their understanding on the difference between attack and defence (batting and fielding).	<u>Music</u> Our music this half term will focus on exploring arrangements. The children will develop their own arrangements of different songs and explore how musicians have created different arrangements of the same piece.
<u>RE</u> Our key question for this half term will be 'Are scriptures central to religion?'. We will look at the significance of scripture to some Jewish, Christian and Muslim people.	<u>PSHE- Exploring emotions.</u> Throughout this topic we will be exploring the different emotions, what they can mean and the different ways we can manage them.	<u>Computing</u> This half term the children will be looking at branching data base. They will develop their understanding of collections of data which are organised in a such ways. They will also be able to explain the purpose of a database and why they are used (to search for information).