

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that you have all had a good break and are looking forward to the term ahead. I am writing to let you know about some of the things that are happening over the next few weeks and a little of what we will be doing this term. I know that a lot of children are very excited by the upcoming Pixies Holt. More information about this will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Maths

This term, we will:

- *review right angles, acute angles, obtuse angles and reflex angles,
- *use a protractor to measure angles,
- *name and describe 2D and 3D shapes,
- *measure and calculate the perimeter and area of 2D shapes,
- *find the volume of simple 3D shapes using cm^3
- *use coordinates in the first quadrant to describe points after a reflection or a translation,
- *convert between units of lengths using mm, cm, m and km,
- *convert between units of mass using g and kg,
- *convert between units of time using sec, min, hrs, days, weeks, years,
- *read the temperature from a thermometer using negative numbers.

During the first half-term, we will continue to have a mini-test every two weeks, with the practice test sheet coming home the Wednesday before and the follow-up sheet coming home on the Wednesday after. The first practice test sheet will come home on Wednesday 25th April.

I will soon be introducing the class to a new maths homework website, Hegarty Maths. As part of a School Improvement bid involving 23 Somerset schools, we have been given a subscription to the website for our current Y5 class to use during this term and throughout their time in Year 6. Further details about how to use the site will be given later on this term. When the children are familiar with the site, they will complete homework tasks on it during the second half-term.

Please do come to see me as soon as possible if accessing the internet at home is going to be an issue.

English

In English we will be looking at stories from other cultures. Through this, we will continue to focus on grammar and punctuation, in particular different tenses and perspectives, as well as our work on spelling and handwriting.

Your child will continue to receive spellings every half term as well as weekly words, given out and handed in each Monday, s which will be based on the spelling rules focussed on each week. A selection of these words will come up in the test at the end of the half term.

In our topic work this half term, we have been learning about tourism with particular reference to the Alps. We have found out about how they are used and how tourism can impact the area. After Half Term, we will be moving on to RE and looking at pilgrimages and other special journeys that people make as part of their faith.

In the arts afternoons, Year 5 will have music. They will continue the brass lessons that they have had in previous years and also be listening to and composing music about and inspired by the seas.

Year 5 will have PE on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please ensure that your child has the necessary kit for these days in particular. If your child has chosen to take part in Forest School, this will take place on Wednesday afternoons.

If at any point in the year you have any queries or questions, feel free to find me at the start and end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mr Pavey