

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas Break. It is lovely to have the children back and raring to go!

This term Mrs Tyler will continue teaching the class on a Monday and I will be teaching them Tuesday to Friday, supported by Mrs McLeod Monday to Thursday morning and Mrs Baker on a Friday morning. Mrs Presland will be assisting with Art on a Thursday afternoon. Mrs Dean will be teaching interventions on a Wednesday morning. We will also have volunteer assistance from Mr Preston on most Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

I would like to thank you for all your hard work at home last term and ask that you continue to hear your child read daily, recording this in their reading record. Although they are all becoming independent readers, it is vital in their progress to continue with this. Please encourage your child to complete 3 mins of tables practice on Times Tables Rockstars (TTR) at least 4 times per week.

TTR Website: - <https://play.trockstars.com/>

Spellings and tables tests will remain on a Monday morning for this term so regular practice of the weeks spellings is also encouraged.

We are trialling the use of Atom Learning for homework. The children have their logins in their reading records. I will be setting optional English, Maths and Science weekly. This should help to reinforce their learning within school. The link to the website is: -

https://atomlearning.com/?_ga=2.251868032.881797330.1674398826-1372138844.1672318786

Can I ask you to please ensure that all uniform, water bottles, trainers and plimsolls are named as returning lost property without names eats into learning time! All children will need to have a pair of plimsolls or indoor trainers to be kept in school at all times. This is in case their outdoor shoes get muddy and they need to change.

Please note that school will start at 8:45 this year and that will be our reading time so please ensure that your child is punctual!

We are continuing with parents coming in for reading on a Wednesday morning for 15 minutes. This has been lovely and any new parents would be very welcome. If any parent would like to stay for a further 20 minutes to hear a 'guided-reading' group, they would be very welcome.

Below I have put this term's curriculum so that you know what we will be covering. In Maths, we have started with 2D Shape, angles and measuring accurately with a ruler. We will be moving on to focus on multiplication and division in particular. In English we are looking at Aesop's fables and enjoying finding out about different versions and will be writing our own. Our first topic is 'Modern Britain' and links with our PSHE which is 'Diverse Britain' so we will be looking at British Values as well as looking at the geography of Great Britain, our county, the local town of Stevenage and our village as well as some local history. After half term we will be looking at 'Children in WW2', how the war affected children's lives at home. We will have a visiting workshop from North Herts Museum on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st March. Our Science is 'Sound' and we'll be investigating how sound is produced and changed. This will be followed by 'Light' after half term.

As always, if you have any questions, problems or worries, do not hesitate to contact me either at the end of the day, or by email.

Best wishes,

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Subject	Spring, 1st half A	Spring, 2nd half A
Topic	Modern Britain Local History - Stevenage	World War 2
Big Bang	Games afternoon	H
RE	Gospel – Sources of Wisdom	Salvation Beliefs & Practices
English Genres	Traditional Tales – Fables Y3 Reports	Humorous Fiction Explanation
Maths	Mental multiplication and division Written multiplication and division Decimals, percentages and their equivalence to fractions Problem solving, reasoning and algebra Geometry: Property of shapes Fractions, ratio and proportion Measurement Roman Numerals	
Science	Sound (Y4)	Light (Y3)
PSHE RSE	Circle time Diverse Britain	Circle time One World
PE	Games Gym	Games Dance
Computing	E-Safety Sound Podcasting	E-Safety Data Handling
French	Colours/Days/Place	Months/Time
Music	Recorder The doot doot song	Recorder Listening- Fanfare
Art/DT	British Art Mother's day card	Water colour -landscape Easter card