

St George's Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Spring Term 2! I hope that you had a lovely half term. We have a lot of exciting learning ahead of us this term and I'm looking forward to the children enjoying the learning that I have planned!

Our topic this term is "Anglo Saxons". We will learn about the coming of Christianity to Anglo Saxon Britain, just how "great" Alfred the Great actually was and understand how Early Britain looked after the people.

Our Science will span two terms as we look at States of Matter. We will be exploring particle diagrams, and how we can change the states of matter. This is a very practical unit and I know the children will enjoy all the investigations ahead of them! And of course we have a week packed full of fun soon for our annual science week.

The books we are reading in class are:

- Why the whales came by Michael Morpurgo
- The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf (We will be reading this next!)

If you would like to buy the books/ borrow them from the library and send them into school with your child that would be great, the children love to follow along with their own copy in class. If buying – please make sure that you write their name in it.

As I am sure you are aware, all of the children in Year 4 will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check in June. Whilst this is a statutory test that the children are expected to score full marks in, tables, like reading are so important - the instant recall of table facts impact on a child's ability to be able to easily access many other areas of maths - especially when solving. I have included the parent information leaflet from the DFE and will be setting weekly homework of table practise. Please do speak to me about this should you have any questions, I will be happy to help.

Just a few reminders for the term ahead:

- Children should be reading at least 5 times a week
- Times tables are SO important so please practice as much as possible.
- PE is on a Thursday AND Friday and children should come into school in their PE kits
- The children should bring in a piece of veg/fruit for their snack for break time and water in their bottles
- Homework should be submitted on a Wednesday via Teams
- Spellings and homework will be set every Friday on Teams
- Spellings should be practised at home

Thank you for your support with the children's learning. As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to bring this to my attention. I will be on the playground after school most evenings.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead!

Best wishes

Miss Keightley