



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that 2026 brings you all peace and happiness, and I hope that you all had a good Christmas break.

Our topic this term is We Are Scientists! We will be focusing mainly on science, with a particular emphasis on electricity. The children will begin by learning about the dangers of electricity before moving on to building a variety of different circuits. We are also very fortunate this term to have Gloucestershire Music teaching the children the violin, Mrs Dixon leading gymnastics, and a specialist coach coming in on Fridays to teach cricket.

As you know, reading is a huge priority for the whole school. Reading is the gateway to all learning and every day, at the end of the day, we will be dropping everything to prioritise reading. This may be the children reading their own books, or I will be reading a class book to them. The class book we are continuing to read this term is:

One of the key hurdles in Year 4 is the times tables check in June. In preparation for this, we will be practicing lots of strategies to help the children with test technique and multiplication fluency. However, regular practise of times tables really makes a difference so please take as many opportunities as possible for the children to practice. www.mathsframe.com is a free resource we use in school that can help them develop the skills they need for this check.

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 Tuesday 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. If you have any questions or matters you wish to discuss, please do catch me on the playground at pick up.

We look forward to the exciting term ahead!

Miss Keightley ☺