



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 2. I hope that you all had a lovely half term. Your children have come back to school rested and ready to learn.

This term we will be developing our Learning for Peace with a focus on resolving conflict and if you can be anything 'be kind'. This links closely to Trust Saint - St Therese. We will be focussing on the way that we talk to one another, about each other and the impact that our words can have.

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 was and understand how Early Britain looked after the people.

Our science topic 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 be enjoy all the investigations ahead of them.

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 at home, 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.

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 to prioritise reading. When I will be sharing our class book with them. The class book we are continuing to read this term is:

- The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Rauf

If your child has this book at home they are welcome to bring it into school with them to follow along, equally if they would like to borrow one from the Library, they would be most welcome to bring that into school too.

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 Wednesday 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 school pick up.

We are looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Miss Keightley ☺