

Welcome back after our Christmas break. I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun holiday. Thank you all very much indeed for your thoughtful Christmas wishes, cards and gifts.

Science

Our science topics are Rocks and Soils and States of Matter. The children learn that rocks can be placed into three categories - sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous and learn how fossils are formed. Through a large range of simple practical enquiries, the children investigate how materials can change from one state to another.

Reading

The children will develop their skills of retrieving information, inference and deduction and learn to use the text to reference in their responses. They will learn to review texts by exploring content, theme, style and opinion and identify and explain fact and opinion and justify their views on a text. The class texts for this term are "**Revolting Rhymes**" by Roald Dahl and a selection of stories written by the brothers Grimm. Our play will also be based upon these stories.

Topic

Following on from our autumn term topics we will be learning all about Italy, from its geography, culture, food, education and more! We will be using our mapping skills to locate cities and famous landmarks and find out more about Italy's amazing history.

Writing

Our writing this term will be based on Revolting Rhymes by Roald Dahl and a selection of stories by the brothers Grimm. We will be working with a selection of these stories and different versions of them which have a twist in the tale.

Homework

Here are the recommendations and suggestions for the homework set for Diamond Class

- **Reading Journals** with five reading comments are to be handed in weekly.
- **My Maths** – three ten-minute sessions weekly.
- **TTR** – at least three ten-minute sessions weekly.
- **Common Exception Words Spelling** – regularly check your child's spelling of the Common Exception Words
- **Weekly Spelling** – I will be sending home a laminated spelling card of the words we have been practising and learning. Please support your child in learning and revisiting these words each week.
- **Learning Logs** The children will complete **one** activity from the Home Learning sheet **every two weeks**. The Home Learning sheet will be in their book and also available on the class webpage.

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Maths

This term the Year 4 children will be continuing to work on their x6, x7, x8 and x9 multiplication tables and the Year 3 children will be beginning to learn doubles, x2 and x5 multiplication tables. Our units will include angles, adding using mental calculations leading to column addition and column subtraction. All these topics will also be put in the context of problem solving and reasoning.

P.E.

Games and P.E. lessons will take place on Monday afternoons with Mr Lambert and on Wednesday afternoons. No jewellery should be worn for P.E. so children with pierced ears will need to remove earrings. Most important of all - please also ensure that ALL items belonging to your child are clearly labelled.