



# SINGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another school year, a new decade and to all my fabulous Class 2 pupils, hoping you all had a lovely Christmas break. I have missed you all and I cannot wait to hear all about your Christmas holiday! As always, there is a lot of hard work ahead for all of us but I know, with lots of effort, we will have another enjoyable and successful year.

## Homework

This will be given out every Friday online with my maths. Homework should be completed within one week online (paper copies available and please remember to call in if any concerns). In addition, I would ask that all children must read at least 3 times a week. Children are free to change their books when necessary, although this is usually done on a Friday. Children who need extra help with reading will be heard every week and we try to record this in planners. Whatever stage your child is at in reading, please encourage reading for enjoyment and understanding and to help them to develop research skills.

A reminder to all year 4 children, that they will be tested on their tables – further information to follow. This is in line with the new Government times table test: all children will be expected to practise their tables and access the new, times tables rock stars programme, which will also support them at home. Children will also be regularly tested in class. Your support at home with homework or extra work is always appreciated.

In Literacy Class 2 will continue to look at grammar, punctuation, spellings and sentence work in addition to: Poems to perform, Myths and legends and Non-chronological reports, using Harry Potter and the Warner Bros tour of Hogwarts as a stimulus to create posters and leaflets.

As always, I will continue to place a strong emphasis on handwriting and presentation. Every child will practice school cursive handwriting in our new books and be encouraged to take pride in their work.

In Numeracy we will be working hard again in all areas of basic maths, focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, time, area and shape.

Children will be working towards securing and applying basic skills and applying their knowledge to mental maths and challenges. As previously mentioned, I would encourage all children to practise times tables and extend their knowledge to corresponding division facts ready for the Government's new online tests for every child in year 4.

Every child will be asked to complete a project at home on a given topic. This term the children will focus their project on 'Inventions' and will be given a date in which to present their topic to the class over the next few weeks. This can be done in any chosen way and does not have to be by PowerPoint. Sketches, handmade artefacts, poster or fact sheets are welcomed. The purpose of the project is to give the children a chance to extend their own learning and present their work back to the class, thereby encouraging their speaking and listening skill.

In RE we will be looking at 'Jesus the man who changed lives' and then Easter exploring the story of betrayal and trust. We will also continue to follow our class worship themes each week. PHSE will begin with the children setting their values and aspirations for the New Year and then moving on to focus on 'keeping myself safe' and then 'rights and responsibilities'.

Art next term will be covered in Fantastic Friday, where we will be looking at collage and our other Fantastic Friday group will have musical theatre with Miss Ellie.

Our ICT will begin as always with online digital safety and Internet safety and a class theme of presentation skills.

PE this term will be on Thursday and we will continue to follow Lancashire plans for dance and gymnastics.

This term we will continue to study French as part of our Modern Foreign Languages using Lightbulb French and learning: colours and all about the body. Music will continue to be taught by Mrs Lilley following our music programme Charanga, using music from Mamma Mia – my favourite! Children also have the opportunity to have lessons in brass and singing with outside agency teachers.

Our humanities focus is History this term, where we will be travelling back in time looking closely at the Romans. Then a fantastic unit for Geography asking 'How does water go round?'.

In Science we will look at the circle of life, taking a closer look at animals, teeth and eating. After half term we will be exploring an exciting topic on parts of a plant – great green growers, investigating fruit, shoots, leaves and roots.

Another exciting and fun term ahead. Once again thank you for all your support and I look forward to another successful year in Class 2.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Mrs Millward