

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone. I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and New Year with friends and family. This term our topic will be source to sea. We will be looking at the water cycle and the formation of rivers.



### English

During the first half term our focus will be on fantasy stories. We will look at a couple of stories with a fantasy element to them. We will be producing our own stories where we fly across the world. Hopefully you will share them with us on our open afternoon.

After half term we will be looking at explanation texts based on our topic and explaining how rivers form and how they travel. Finally we will be creating some shape poetry using all our knowledge we have gathered throughout the term.

During guided reading we will be looking at Bill's New Frock and George's Marvellous Medicine. We will be building on all the skills we have learnt during the autumn term and putting them into practice.

### Maths

Before Christmas we started focussing on multiplication and division. We will be continuing this initially. As always any extra support at home with times tables will give your child a great advantage in their learning. Using times tables rock stars at home will help children to revise as it focuses on the tables children are less sure of (which is why it may appear difficult to some). The Year 3s will be spending time looking at units of measure (cm, g, ml etc) whilst the Year 4s look at graphs and fractions. It is great to see so many children engaging with Mathletics through choice. Some children are even getting certificates every week which is really impressive.

### Diary Dates

**U-Dance**- 11<sup>th</sup> March

**Class Assembly** – 18<sup>th</sup> March (2:30pm)

### **Beach/Forest Schools**

NB Your child will be attending 2 of the four sessions. This will be clarified in a further letter

Group A- 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Group B- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **PE**

This term we will be going swimming every Wednesday starting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January, Please make sure your child has appropriate kit as this is such an important skill and part of the curriculum. We will also be preparing for our U-Dance in March. Please make sure you have returned the necessary form for this.



### Homework

Thank you to all the children (and parents) who are completing homework weekly. This is really showing in the class work these children are producing.

Homework reminder: As always we expect all children to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes every day in order to secure their fluency and understanding. This includes discussing what they have read. Only reading needs to be recorded in homework records. Please sign daily to show your child has read. Records will be checked on Mondays. Children who complete the 'Strive for 5' reading challenge each week will be entered into the reading raffle. Maths homework is always set on Mathletics (please help your child login if you know they struggle with this). Children are expected to complete the 2 set tasks. If not completed children will be expected to do this during a break time. Topic homework this term will be sent out today. It would be lovely if all children would engage with this this term as it is so great for them to be able to share what they have found out with the rest of the class.

Any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Ellwood