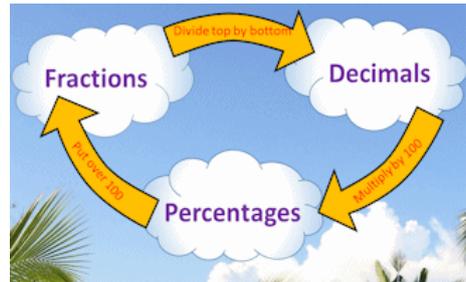


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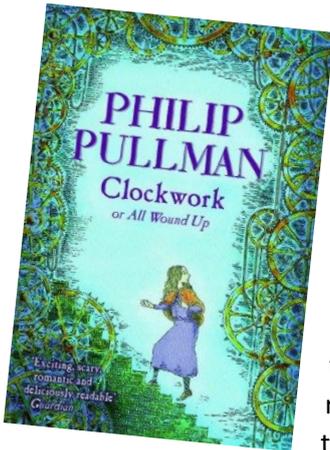
I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. We have lots of exciting topics planned this term which are outlined below as well as some important information.

As with last term, your child's mental wellbeing will be a priority and we will be completing mindful activities and discussions as well as PSHE work through Heartsmart. It is so important to continue to have exciting days such as our Parliament Week and I will be looking for opportunities for events like this. We have also adopted a recovery curriculum which especially focuses on picking up on any gaps in Maths and English to ensure that your child is on track with their learning this year.

Maths We will begin this term by finishing our unit on fractions. We will then move onto decimals and percentages. Throughout the term, we will continue to work on the written methods and a range of arithmetic skills as well as applying these to problem solving and reasoning questions.



As always, times tables will be a big focus and we will be continually practising and assessing these using written tests, games and activities and Times Tables Rockstars. Please encourage your child to use TTRS at home as this has proven to be a great resource. By the end of year 4, the curriculum states that all children should know all times tables up to 12 x 12. **At the beginning of this term, I will be testing each of the times tables so that I can identify any gaps.** Once we have completed all the tests, I will send these home for extra practice.



English This term we are reading one of my favourite books: Clockwork by Philip Pullman. We will be continuing with our Read Write Inc units and working on our writing skills.

Reading I have been so impressed with how hard everybody worked on their reading passports last term! If your child has not completed their passport, they can continue to earn the certificates. Please continue to read with your child at home as reading every day is beneficial to all subjects. The children really enjoyed our team reading competition so we said we would have another one this half term. Each day your child reads at home, please sign and date their reading record. They will bring this to me each morning and earn a point for their team for each day they read. This will also help me to keep track of how much

everybody is reading and put in extra reading as needed. I have told the children that 3 times a week is the minimum they should be doing as part of their homework. They can earn extra rewards through their Book Bingo too!

Science This term in science, we will be finishing our unit on living things which will lead year 5 and 6 into learning about evolution and inheritance. We will then learn about rocks and fossils.

History Our History topic this term is "Let's meet the leaders!". We will be learning about leaders throughout history and the changes in British monarchy and government since 1066.

Geography This term in Geography, we will be learning about the UK and rivers.

Art/DT This term in DT, the children will be designing, creating and evaluating mini greenhouses!

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Music We will be beginning the term by learning about great composers from the past.

French Madame Cook is doing a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

Computing We will be learning about databases this half term.

PE PE is on a Monday and a Friday. On these days, please can your child come into school wearing their PE kit. This term, our class will be taking part in some outdoor orienteering with an instructor which has been organised through the cluster (with schools remaining separate); Mrs Watson will be sending out a letter to tell you more about this.

RE In RE, for the first half of term we will be answering the questions “What do different faiths teach about care and respect for others?” Our next unit will focus on Easter and is entitled “What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?”

Homework As before, CGP homework books will go out on a Tuesday and should be returned the following Monday. Please encourage your child to bring their homework back on time so that it can be marked before going home again. I will continue to set talking homework on Seesaw. Your child can use any of the response methods to complete the activity. Spelling homework will be set on Spelling Shed as well as an optional paper copy for you to use as you wish. I do not need the paper copy back. **Spelling Shed is due every Thursday for a hand written test.** Please let me know if you are not able to access Seesaw or Spelling Shed at home and I will find time in school.



VIP We will be continuing with VIP this term which is always a lovely time to celebrate all the things each child brings to our school. Unfortunately we still can't invite parents into school. We will continue to wash the jumpers in school.

If you have any questions at any point over the term, please feel free to email me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen