

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful start to 2026.

Our topic for this term is 'Rule Britannia'. Please look at the attached Topic Web to find out what we're doing for each subject. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, we will be having a Topic afternoon and a steam railway worker dress-up day. Parents are invited to the Topic afternoon that day from 2:45pm, further details will be sent nearer the time.

Children are expected to read a minimum of four times a week at home using the reading book which matches their coloured band. Children will also bring home a reading for pleasure book from our school library. This may not be matched to their reading ability but is meant to be shared and enjoyed. They will also be taking home a reading record where you can write down how well they have read.

The children are also expected to work on their times tables recall every night. There is a national Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the summer for all Year 4 children so the earlier that your child can recall all their times tables quickly, the better! The expectation by the time of the MTC in Year 4 is that children need to recall each of their times tables within 6 seconds. Being able to recall all of the times tables facts up to 12x12 quickly will also make calculations in Years 5 and 6 easier.

Spellings is an important part of the curriculum and they are taught weekly to children. Spelling lists are stuck in Reading Records and the children are tested on these spellings in school every Friday. In children's Reading Records, there are login details for Edshed. This is a very useful online tool where children can practise their weekly spellings through games.

The children will take home a dark red homework book near the start of each term for the children to choose some homework activities linked to our topic to complete. This homework needs to be completed by the end of each term and can be sent in using the learning done in the dark red homework books or on media via Class Dojo – we would like children to complete at least two pieces of homework per term.

PE kits need to be bought into school and kept into school for the term. Here is a reminder of the school's PE kit expectations:

- White t-shirt (plain or small logo)
- Black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings (plain or small logo)
- Black sweatshirt (plain or small logo – or school uniform sweatshirt/cardigan is fine)
- Trainers
- Long hair must be tied back
- No jewellery (earrings removed or covered with tape)

We would like to stress the importance of punctuality and attendance in school – it is crucial that children don't miss out on important blocks of learning. The classroom doors open at 8:30am each day and the register begins at 8:35am.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us or send us a message on Class Dojo.

Thank you so much for your continued support,

Mr. Sedgwick, Mrs. Dilworth and Miss Wootten