



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back and happy 2018! We hope you had a lovely Christmas with your children and that they are excited to learn lots of new things this new year! The children are working hard and continuing to help with all of the daily routines, old and new. Below is a break-down of everything that we will be covering and what you need to know for the coming term.

In maths, we are continuing our new mathematics scheme, Convince Maths. This term, we will be covering calculation problems, shape and measurement in the first half of term, followed by equivalence and fractions, solving number problems and statistics in the second half. We will also be focusing on the times tables to aid understanding in maths and the children will be given regular times tables homework to practise these.



In English we have started with writing a play script for a familiar story (The Three Little Pigs), focusing on stage directions and dialogue. Later in the half term, we will be exploring persuasive writing through letters and cinquains. Our writing and other subjects will be, where possible, linked to our topic of the Anglo-Saxons, with our big question being: "How did the Anglo-Saxons survive?" Please see the topic web below for more details about what will be covered this term.



PE will be taught twice per week, we would be very grateful if you could make sure your child has their PE kit with them on Monday morning for the rest of the week. Girls will also need to have a soft bobble to tie their hair up for P.E. If your child wears earrings, please could you ensure that they are able to take them out themselves for P.E. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle in to school with them. They can take them home on a Friday to be washed over the weekend and then return them back to school on a Monday. Homework will be given out to the children on a Friday and needs to be handed in completed by the following Thursday.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE kit required all week				Spelling test, new spellings given out, homework given out.

The new year brings a renewed focus on reading for pleasure, please ensure that your child reads as much as possible at home in order to help them to progress with their reading. When you hear your child read please could you discuss the characters, events and stories, for fiction books, and check understanding of information for non-fiction books. We would be very grateful if you could sign the planner on each day that your child has read at home and add any helpful comments. Also, a new book will be given when you have signed to say that your child has finished their current book and has been questioned on it. In class, children will continue to build their reading and comprehension skills with our Comprehension Bug scheme, which focuses on vocabulary, inference and information retrieval. Weekly spellings will be given on a Friday to be tested the following Friday. We will also be introducing exciting new ways to help your children with their spelling strategies!



Many thanks for all of your help and support. If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us or come and see us at school. Thank you and we are looking forward to working with you in the new year!

Miss Cousans, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Loverock