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### *'Developing the whole child'*

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Our Christian value this term is Honesty

#### Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term

Another big thank you to all the children and parents for your very generous and kind Christmas gifts and greetings. We celebrated a wonderful Christmas in school finishing with our KS2 led Carol Service in St Mary's Church. Now we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. The children have made New Year's resolutions and we are focussing on achieving our potential and making the most of every opportunity. All the classes have new topics for the term. Pictured below are Class 3 researching puppets for their Design Technology puppet project linked to their India topic and the Hindu story of Rama and Sita.



#### Curriculum Letters and Topics for the term

Classes 1 and 2 are focussing on Toys over time linked to materials in science; and later in term, the country and culture of Kenya. Class 3 is studying the country of India and Class 4 is exploring the ancient Mayan culture of South America. Each class teacher has outlined other topic areas to be covered and days for class PE in the curriculum letters sent home today. Homework continues to go home on a Friday to be returned by Wednesday. Please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher if you are unsure about anything.

Diary Dates for this term A full list of diary dates has been sent home today. This includes Class Assembly dates and Parent Teacher Consultation dates for the week before half term. More detailed information on events will follow.

**Clubs start next week** Children have received their confirmation booking slips today. There are still places available in Choir and Gymnastics (for KS2).

**Y6 SATs Club on Thursday** Starting on Thursday 17th January, we hope that all of our Y6 children will be able to stay till 4.30pm to help them to prepare for their Year 6 tests.

**Year 6 SATs week 2019 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting Thursday 17th January at 6pm.** This is for parents of Year 6 children - please put the date in your diary and make it a priority.

**Working in partnership with Durham University** We once again have students training to teach on placement in school. Miss Rowe is completing a block practice in Class 2 before February half term.

**Instrumental Lessons** We currently have spaces available for small group tuition in violin or cello with Mrs Jameson. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton for more information. It is also possible to have North Yorkshire music lessons for woodwind; flute, clarinet and brass. Information forms are in the office.

**How can I support my child in making good progress in their learning?**

**Reading with your child** For children of all ages - all research shows that hearing your child read, reading to them or discussing their reading with them is one the most important things you can do to ensure good progress in school. Do this everyday if possible and discuss tricky words with them.

**Maths and learning times tables** Learning times tables is an area in which you can really help your child make progress in Maths. The curriculum states that:

By the end of Year 2 children should know: x2, x5, x10 tables. eg.  $2 \times 7 = 14$ ;  $10 \div 2 = 5$

By the end of Year 3 children should also know x3, x4, x 8 tables eg.  $4 \times 8 = 32$ ;  $64 \div 8 = 8$

By the end of Year 4 your child needs to know all their tables to x12 mixed up, with a quick response eg.  $8 \times 9 = 7 \times 8 = 9 \times 7 =$  . The equivalent division bond is also important:  $72 \div 8 = 56 \div 7 = 63 \div 9 =$

If your child is in Year 5 and 6 they need to be fluent and confident in their times tables knowledge to x12 including division facts.

**Times Tables Rock Stars** - all our children from Year 1 upwards have a login to this - ask your class teacher if you are unsure.

**Discovery Education Espresso** This is an online learning resource your child can access at home. It has a huge range of resources directly relevant to your child's learning in all areas. There is great weekly news; online safety information; games and exciting videos linked to all primary curriculum areas.

[www.espress.co.uk/](http://www.espress.co.uk/) Username: student23945

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Please speak to me or your child's teacher with any queries.

Yours sincerely, Nicola Dobson