



Happy new year and a huge welcome back to school to everyone in Year 4, Rosehip. We hope you have had a fantastic time over the Christmas break with plenty of time to relax and spend time with your families. Mrs Palfreyman and Mrs Els are looking forward to welcoming you back to school this term.

In the first half term, our focus is geography based and is all about natural disasters. The children will be learning about what a natural disaster is as well as looking at the causes and impacts of earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. After the half term break, our focus will switch to history where we will look in more detail at famous examples of natural disasters throughout history such as Pompeii and the 2005 tsunami in Thailand.

We hope that your child is looking forward to returning to school and is ready to come back and get started on all the exciting learning we have in store for the Spring term. Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to support your children with their learning.

English

Our English units will take inspiration from key texts this term. For the first half term we will be looking at the book *Starfell: Willow Moss and the Lost Day* by Dominique Valente and we will be writing informational texts inspired by what we have read. After half term, we will look at writing to entertain which will focus on descriptive writing and narratives. We will continue to use our key texts to inspire and lead our learning.

PE Day is a Monday this term

Please make sure all children come to school wearing their full PE kit.

(black/ grey tracksuit bottoms, white top, black/grey jumper)

Home Learning

This term we would like the children to complete the following tasks each week as home learning:

- **Reading** - Children should aim to read for five minutes every day if possible. This can be logged in their reading diaries. Please ensure that reading books and diaries are brought into school every day.
- **Times table/ fluency** - Children should complete their 5 weekly garage games on Times Table Rockstars, as well as the weekly fluency worksheets.
- **My Maths** - Children should complete all assigned tasks weekly on My Maths which link to our weekly learning.
- **Spellings** - Children will receive new spelling lists on a Friday to take home and learn. These will be tested on the following Friday.
- **Reading eggs** - Each child should complete the assigned task on Reading eggs weekly—this could be either a reading comprehension or a story book.

Mathematics

- Area
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions
- Decimals

Personal, Social, Health and Emotional Development

In PSHE this half term we will be looking at living in the wider world.

Religious Education

The overarching key question for the first half term is: Is a holy journey necessary for believers?

In Autumn 2, we are focusing on the question: Should believers give things up?

Science

For the Spring term, we will be looking at states of matter in Science. We will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases and the water cycle.

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