

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas and that your children are excited and enthusiastic about their return to school.

**Topic**

This term, LKS2 will be learning about innovators including inventors, architects and artists – people who made or did something new or different. We will particularly focus on Victorian innovators such as Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Marie Curie. Over the next few months, we will look deeper into these innovators and how they helped change the world. Our Dragons Den style fantastic finish will be on Wednesday 18th March at 2.15 – 3.00.

English

In literacy, we start 'The Pebble in my Pocket' by Meredith Hooper which links with our science work. This will be followed by 'The King Who Banned the Dark', where we will look at the features of a newspaper, before writing our own with headlines and quotes.

**Maths**

Year 3 – Multiplication and division and applying their knowledge to solve problems, adding and subtracting using money and using this in real life problems, measuring length, mass and capacity and recognising fractions in different contexts.

Year 4 – multiplication and division using formal written methods, measurement of area, adding and subtracting fractions, finding equivalent fractions and working with fractions which are more than one.

Please support us by ensuring that the children regularly practice times tables at home..

**Science**

In Science we will learn about rocks and soils and how these are formed as well as describing in simple terms how fossils are formed. After half term, we will learn about forces and magnets and how forces can act on everything around us.

Foundation Subjects

For PE, we will be walking to Arun Leisure Centre in Felpham for swimming lessons. Please ensure that the children come in to school with a swimming costume (this can be worn underneath tracksuit top and bottoms on arrival to school), goggles, a towel, underwear, a swimming hat, suitable shoes to walk in, a waterproof coat and a healthy snack for the walk back to school. Due to potential weather conditions, please also consider a spare pair of socks, just in case. For music this term we will be focusing on our Year 3/4 Easter Production (more details to follow).

**Homework**

We will have one piece of creative homework task this term, due in just after half-term, as well as spelling and times tables-based homework each along with regular reading at least 3 times a week.

Our class will be attending the end of term Mass at OLOS on Friday 27th March at 9am. Parents are always needed to walk to the church with us. Forest School – Monday 16th March.

Best wishes

Miss Wing