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Dear Parents and Carers,

During this term:

In English, we will be continuing to explore the amazing story *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. We will use this superb text as a vehicle to explore the poetic works and art of William Blake as well as Hogarth. We will analyse language, theme and structure in order to continue our journey around the social injustice of this time and begin to consider how Dickens' work is still relevant today.

The children will also be writing a monologue, a persuasive letter, a diary entry as well as their own short story with a moral message. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) and reading, using inference and deduction with particular focus upon using evidence from the text to support our views.

In our Guided Reading sessions, we will use a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry to develop and secure skills in reading and comprehension, as well as speaking and listening.

In Science, we will link our work with Space and the Solar System to that of Forces and Motion; looking at gravity, air and water resistance, friction and mechanisms.

In PSHE we will continue to consider how to develop our understanding of friendship, as well as begin to tackle ideas around learning and our approach to it with a focus on mindfulness in the classroom.

In Maths, in-line with a mastery curriculum, we will focus upon revisiting, securing skills and develop understanding using both mental and written methods. **Numbers:** Place Value and Negative Numbers, **Roman Numerals**, **Addition & Subtraction:** Mental Strategies +/-, Number Problems +/-, Multi-step Problems +/-, **Multiplication and Division:** Common Factors, Prime Numbers and Prime Factors. **Fractions:** Improper Fractions, Mixed Numbers, +/- of Fractions, Multiplying of Fractions, Fraction Problems.

In PE, we will be focusing on developing our social skills as a team and working through a range of collaborative activities on Tuesday afternoons. We will also have Yoga on Thursday afternoons.

Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing. If your child has pierced ears, please can they either not wear their earrings to school on Tuesdays or Thursdays or be able to take them out as we are unable to allow the children to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform me in writing or tell us personally.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of both Maths and a writing or research homework as well ten new spellings per week.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see us.

Yours sincerely,

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