



St White's Primary School
Challenge, Commit, Conquer and Celebrate



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas.

Our topic this term is 'Rule Britannia' and will be focused on the Vikings. We will be learning all about this civilisation and their lifestyles and traditions. In addition to this, between now and Easter, we will be looking at Materials and their properties in science. Of course, French, music, PSHE, P.E will continue to run alongside our topic learning and will be linked to topic as closely as we can. Year 6 will be going swimming every Tuesday while the Year 5 will have this to look forward to in the summer term. PE will be on Tuesday (year 5 – Heron and Peregrine), Wednesday (Woodpecker) and Friday (Heron and Peregrine) so PE kits need to be in school on these days. Additionally, Woodpecker will also be having Forest Schools sessions on a Monday afternoon (please don't forget wellies!).

Homework this term will continue in the same way as last term. Weekly, the children will have their homework diaries checked and signed by their teacher. It is expected that they will have read at least 5 times in the week and that this is recorded in their diary with your signature. This is in addition to completing their Guided Reading homework task and reading. Each class has a library slot to read with a younger class and change their library books – every child is responsible for changing their own book in this time. Spellings and dictations will also continue.

The children will continue to have mental maths books for maths homework this term where they will be expected to complete one page per week. If the children cannot do one of the calculations then they are to circle the number so that it can be gone through with them. Please help them to mark their work in a different colour so that we know quickly what they need help with. We will be having another learn alongside your child day on **Thursday 25th January**, This will be a maths session, we look forward to you joining us for this exciting morning.





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This term's topic homework will be sent home this week. Like last term, there is one POWER Project for each short term. The children can choose which parts of the project they would like to complete. They have to complete a set number of points in each project and each week we would like them to make a note in their diaries to tell us how it is progressing. We will be celebrating all the children's hard work in topic on **Thursday 22nd March at 2:45pm**. It was wonderful to see the variety and effort the children had put into their POWER projects before the Christmas break, we had cooking videos, wonderful baked temples and computer programs to name a few, all showing how creative the children are becoming with these tasks. Remember there is a KS2 homework club on a Wednesday after school if your child would like support with their homework.

We are hoping to do a trip to Gloucester Museum between now and Easter. More details about this trip will follow in due course.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to come and speak to us so that any concerns can be dealt with promptly. This is going to be a very exciting term for our children.

Yours sincerely

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Heron, Peregrine, Woodpecker Class Teachers

