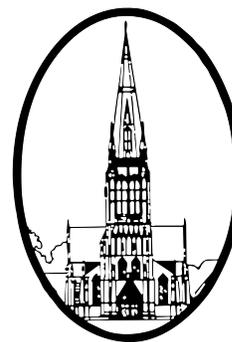


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
the best we can be.'*

11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and are ready for a new term exciting year of learning.

Your child's topic this half term will be Science focused  
They will have 2 subject areas this term:

**Light**  
**Rocks**

Children will learn about natural and man-made sources of light, how light travels. Later in the term they will learn about how rocks are formed and the different types of rocks. They will have the opportunity to complete lots of investigations during this time.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	We will be focused on 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. The children will be learning how to: - Form inferences and make predictions -Write poetry selecting choices of vocabulary -Write narratives that describe setting and characters * Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.
Maths	The main topic areas covered this term will be - Fractions -Time - Multiplication and division - Measures - Money
PE	-Hockey
PHSCE	- goal setting -keeping safe -road safety
RE	Our big question in RE this term is 'How Did Belief In God Affect The Actions of People In The Old Testament?'
Spanish	Conversational Spanish
Music	Children will continue to learn recorder this year. They will need to bring their recorder to school every Wednesday.

## **PE**

Indoor session - Tuesday

Outdoor session - Thursday

Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit to change into. This should include: a white t-shirt and black shorts/leggings or jogging bottoms and a pair of suitable trainers/plimsolls.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Wednesday.

## **Reading**

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log when they have read with you. There is a reading follow up task given on the homework sheet each week to help with furthering your child's understanding to the text.

## **Times Tables**

In the Autumn term year 3 have started to learn their 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know all of their times tables (1 -12) off by heart and their related division facts.

Please help your child practise these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

## **Punctuality**

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that the register is closed your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment with me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Francis