

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a good Christmas and were able to make memories to treasure in the future.

This is quite a short half-term but we have a lot to fit in including Design Technology Fortnight which starts on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This time is a food focus and we will be making pasta - more details to follow.

Please do remember to send your child in with a coat and ideally a water bottle. Thank you.

As always, if you have any questions or there is something you feel we should know please do not hesitate to speak with a member of the class team.

Mrs Wagstaff and Mr Jenner

### PSHE

This half term our work will centre on grief. We will be learning how to recognise and name emotions and also to recognise the difference between those feelings that are pleasant and those that are unpleasant. We will then move onto discussing ways to cope with unpleasant and uncomfortable emotions before learning appropriate ways to communicate these feelings, both with and without words.



We recognise this is a sensitive area so if you feel there is anything we should be aware of please do let us know.

### PE

This term we will continue to benefit from games sessions delivered by specialist sports coaches. Class adults will work alongside to support and encourage the children.

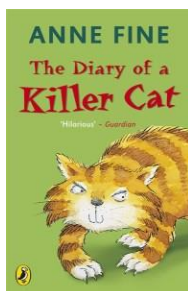
Tuesday - Meg (Primary Reds, MUtd) will work on physical skills and teamwork. The children really enjoy these sessions so it is great they have the opportunity to carry on developing their capabilities.

Friday - Kyle will develop skills in a range of sports. Skills will then be applied within a match. (Educational Sports Coaches)

**Please ensure they have appropriate kit in school. As it is cold at the moment you may want to send in joggers and a sweatshirt.**

### English

Writing will draw upon 'The Diary of a Killer Cat' which is a fun text written from the cat's perspective. Initially we will focus on remembering and recording a sentence accurately. Then we will practise using verbs and adverbs before developing sentence structure using conjunctions and prepositions. We will then revise how to edit work. Once accuracy has been improved, they will use their skills to write diary entries in role as a character from the text.



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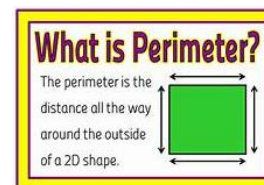
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### Maths

Our first task will be to complete work on multiplication and division. We will then apply skills from all four operations to learn about length, perimeter and fractions. They will learn to complete calculations before applying their skills in real-life scenarios.

We will also work on times tables (x3, x4, x8) so any practise that can be done at home to help will be helpful. If they have access to a laptop, they love going on

'Hit the Button' on TopMarks website. (Website is free)



### Topic

Last half-term the children learnt about early settlement in Stockport which focussed on the Stone Age. This half-term the focus will continue to be on early settlement in Stockport and will move onto the Bronze Age and Iron Age. Their learning will concentrate on the settlement in Mellor and how people have used the pottery and other artefacts found there in an effort to build up a picture of the past.



### Science

Our focus this half-term will be rocks and the children will be learning about the properties of rocks - whether they are all the same and if not then how they can be categorised. They will also be thinking about how different types of rocks are suited to different purposes. Following on we will also look at what fossils are and how they are made before finally looking at the composition of soil.



### Reminders/ Key Dates

Please remove earrings on Tuesday and Friday for games  
Friday mornings, 9-9:25am - worship in St Mark's Church  
Design Technology Fortnight - wb 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January  
Parents Evening - Arrangements to be confirmed.  
Wb 5<sup>th</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week  
Parents Evening - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February  
End of half term: Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February  
INSET day - School closed for children (Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February)  
Start back: Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February

