



## Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a wonderful and peaceful Christmas break with your families. This half term, Magic Monday will be on Monday morning and we will be starting our swimming sessions at Broughton Swimming Baths on a Friday morning. Mrs McDonald will continue to volunteer on a Wednesday, and we will have Miss Charlesworth and Mr Groarke supporting in some of our sessions too.

### Curriculum

This half term, we will be discovering who were the earliest Britons? This topic will take us through life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. In Geography, we will be investigating the national park that is the Peak District.

In English, we are reading the very exciting, 'The boy who grew dragons'. Guided reading and spelling lessons will continue to happen for a run of three days, along with 3 Rapid Catch Up phonics groups.

In maths, we are continuing to build on our calculation methods by securing our multiplication and division skills this half term.

We are starting our new RE scheme. We are starting with branch 3 and will be exploring the topic Galilee to Jerusalem.

Our PE day is now Tuesday afternoon. On Friday we will be swimming, please make sure you come to school with your swimming costume/trunks, a swimming cap and a towel. Please note that goggles are not permitted.

### How you can help at home

Regular reading will help your child to develop fluency. Reading fluency is key to developing confident readers. Dojos will be given for regular reading at home. Staff will routinely be checking reading records.

Homework is sent home each Friday. English is a written task in books, maths is completed through a paper activity or online via Mathletics. **Homework must be returned by the following Wednesday.** I will be picking a homework star each week to have a dip in the prize box.

The Emile spelling app has lots of games to help the children practice their spellings at home. Class Dojo is updated regularly. Please keep checking in to see key messages, and Pictures of what we have been getting up to.

### Homework club

I will be in our classroom every Monday between 12-12.30. If your child is unable to access Mathletics or Emile spelling at home, they can use this as opportunity to log in. I will also be able to help anyone who has any questions with their homework.