



Dear Parent/s,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a fantastic break. We are looking forward to getting started with our new topic and have an exciting term ahead. Our topic for the Spring term is, 'Veni, Vedi, Vici' (The Romans). Please see the overview of our learning also attached. Below, we have some reminders of things that will be happening this term as well as our class routines. If you have any queries, or wish to discuss anything regarding your child, please don't hesitate to telephone school to ask for a meeting.

Yours,

Mrs Turega and Mrs Downings

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Mrs Turega continue to teach the children on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Downings will continue to teach the remainder of the week. Supporting us in class, will be Mrs Harold, Mrs Hussey, Mrs Rudder, Mr Swann and Miss Fay on various days throughout the week.

On **Monday** afternoons, the children will have **Forest Schools** with Mrs Rudder. Please make sure your child has a Forest School kit in school at all times, in particular, a waterproof coat.

**Year 4** will finish their **Music** through the Wider Opportunities scheme on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** with their performance at 2:30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there. Look out for an email soon with information if your child would like to continue learning violin in a small group.

**Year 3** will then begin their Violin lessons from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**.

**PE** with Mr Swann will be on **Tuesday** afternoons. **PAS** will continue to teach the class on **Friday** afternoons. Please see the website for information on the **correct school PE kit and Forest Schools kit**.

**We will no longer be swimming on a Wednesday afternoon.**

**Spellings** will be set and given to children on **Fridays** by Mrs Downings and will be practised in the classroom every day ready for a test the following Friday. Please help your child by practising these at home. You can access their weekly spelling lists on the class webpage.

**Times tables** will be set and given to children on **Wednesdays** by Mrs Downings and will be practised daily in the classroom. Please encourage your child to practise these at home. Every child has a TT Rockstars account that they can access at home and in school. Login details can be found in the front of your child's Reading Record.

**Reading books:** Throughout the week, members of staff will hear your child read and all children will regularly take part in Guided Reading. The children will be able to take a book and a reading record home daily, but they must remember to **bring them both back the following day**. Please support your child with reading at least 5 times per week at home and recording it in their diaries to collect Dojos. In addition, they can also access **Bug Club** to read a wide variety of books online.

**Homework:** Throughout the week your child will be expected to learn their spellings and times tables and should try to read every evening. On **Fridays**, your child will bring home either one Maths task or one English task to complete and return by the following Friday. Their homework will be an activity based on what they have learnt that week. This is to help the children to consolidate their learning and to give them some extra practise.