

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We hope you had an enjoyable winter break and a happy new year! Thank you so much for the lovely gifts and cards we received. The children have come back to school eager to learn and have made a great start to the term already.

Reading

All children should bring their school book folder to school every day and read daily. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week to support their progress and record a comment about their reading in their Reading Record. We expect the children to reflect on their reading in their Reading Records as well.

P.E

The following school PE kit is required by every junior child.

For indoor PE, a white T shirt and well-fitting shorts, leotard or leggings are necessary. These are to be brought to school in a small kit bag every Monday and taken home at the end of term to be washed. For games, your child will require a suitable pair of trainers and may wish to bring tracksuit bottoms and a long sleeved top during the colder months. Edison Class go swimming on Tuesday and Faraday Class do indoor P.E on a Monday until next half term.

Swim hats and school kit bags are available from the office.

Home learning

On Friday, your child will bring home spellings to learn. The expectation is that all children will learn their times tables to x12 by the end of year 4. Please support your child at home with these. We have also provided a range of different activities in the home learning books for your child to complete. We expect your child to complete a different activity from the grid each week.

The Curriculum

Our Science topics this term are 'Sound' and 'States of Matter.'

In Humanities we will be looking at Europe, Italy and the Romans. We have booked an exciting trip to Lesnes Abbey to explore map work and geocaching.

In Maths we will be continuing our inspire work with numbers up to 100 000, rounding, table/line graphs, fractions, angles, perpendicular/parallel lines, and the four main operations.

Here's to another fantastic term!

Best wishes,

**Marjorie Delahaye and Sara Hope**