



We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday, a well-deserved rest and are all ready for the fun learning in

our spring term.

Firstly, I would like everyone to welcome Miss Warrington who will be working with Peartree class for the next eight weeks.

Here is a brief overview of what we will be learning over this term.

Geography

We are learning all about our local area and our main enquiry is about the use of land around us.

Next half term we will move on to learning about the United Kingdom by looking at famous landmarks in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Science

In science we are learning about different materials and their properties.

We will be describing and sorting them depending on different criteria and we will also investigate the suitability of the materials for different uses.

We also look at the changes in weather as one season merges into the next in our ongoing topic throughout the year.

Art/DT

This half term we are looking at three artists that are famous for their landscapes or cityscapes and will be creating our own artwork in the style of them. They are Claude Monet, Vincent Van Gogh and Jean Metzinger. After half term, in DT we will be looking at 'bunting'. We will design our own bunting and then develop our needlework skills to produce a finished product.

Music

We will be learning some Easter songs but we will also learn about the composers, Ludovico Einaudi and Antonio Vivaldi.

RE

Our learning question for this half term is '**Was it always easy for Jesus to show friendship?**' We will read the bible stories of 'Mary, Martha and Jesus, The calming of the storm and Zacchaeus.

Next half term we will look at the Easter Story.

PE

In our PE lessons we will be doing gymnastics and orienteering.

Lessons continue to be on Tuesday afternoon and Friday mornings. Please ensure **all** items of kit are labelled as you well know (from last term) children often misplace their belongings and it takes time trying to identify what belongs to whom.

Computing

We are learning about the importance of instructions (algorithms) to create computer programs and will be using code

to create our own programs which we will test and debug where necessary.

PSHE

We are learning about 'The Wider World' looking at all the different communities that we belong to. Next half term we will be continuing with our topic on 'Relationships'.

Seesaw

Please keep checking Seesaw for posts.

If you need to ask me anything and can't get to see me, feel free to message me and I will get back to you. Your posts will not be seen by anyone else in the group but myself.

Homework

Children will bring home a daily reading book which they are responsible for changing (please feel free to let me know if they keep forgetting). In addition to this they will bring home a guided reading book on Thursday which will be collected in on the following Monday.

Mental maths targets were posted onto seesaw last term but please let me know if you have any questions regarding this.

We require one piece of half termly homework based around **one** of our science **or** geography topics (**materials, seasonal weather or our local area**). This can be anything of your child's choosing for example, a written piece, a model, research and fact file or a poster.

I will continue to post on Seesaw the phonemes/graphemes and 'tricky words' we are learning each week for your children to practice at home.

