

Welcome back after, what we hope, was an enjoyable (if a little soggy) half term break!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this half term involving lots of investigating, creating and problem solving. We're sure the children are keen to get started on our new topic 'Does light always create a shadow?' and show off what they are going to learn over the next few weeks.

**Website reminder:** Please remember to regularly check our class pages for news, photos, communication and updates!

### **Please remember...**

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a water bottle.

### **PE days:**

**Birch** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Cedar** – Wednesday and Friday

**Elm** – Monday and Friday

### **Homework**

**Spellings** – These will be sent home on Monday but can also be found on our class pages too.

The children will have a spelling check on Wednesday and Friday.

**Knowledge organiser** – This is on our class pages and shows what the children will be learning over the half term. Please ask your children questions about it to see what they can tell you about!

**10 ticks** – The children should all now have had their log ins sent home. 10 ticks is a great way of helping them learn and practise their times tables!

### **Topic**

Our second topic of the year is called '**Does light always create a shadow?**'. In this topic we will learn about light, how it is formed, how it travels and what happens when it meets transparent, translucent and opaque objects.

In Science, we will learn about how light travels and how shadows are formed.

PE is focused on fitness and hockey, helping the children to understand the importance of keeping healthy and how we can do this in everyday routines.

In RE, we will be learning about Christianity, who Jesus is, why he is important to Christians and how Christians welcome babies into their faith.

In Music, we will be learning to sing songs from memory, name the artist as well as begin to understand the lyrics and what the artist is trying to express through these.

In Computing, we will be learning what the Internet is and how to use a search engine. We will also be learning how to search efficiently to narrow down the information we are given.

In DT, we will be learning about how light can create and affect shadows and how to use nets to help us create 3D shapes. We will be using all of this knowledge to help us create our very own shadow puppet theatre.

In Maths, we will be learning addition and subtraction, shape and how to multiply and divide.

In English, we are reading 'The King Who Banned the Dark' in which we will learn how to write an informal letter. As always, we will have a BIG focus on presentation!

### **Lining up**

Please help us to ensure the mornings run smoothly by bringing your children to line up on the playground and then moving away when the bell rings. This allows us to lead the complete class in promptly. Thank you.

