

Welcome back after, what we hope, was an enjoyable Christmas break!

We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this half term involving lots of creating and investigating patterns in the world around us and we're sure the children are keen to get started on our new topic 'What patterns can we find around us?' 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 Thursday

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. There is a set of questions/activities on there to have a go at home, please send in anything you complete!

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

Topic

Our next topic of the year is called '**What patterns can we find around us?**'. In this topic we will learn about the artist Yayoi Kasuma and how she used polka dots to create interesting and repeating patterns.

In Science, we will learn all about plants and the functions of the parts of a flower, what plants need to grow and survive and how water is transported around the plant.

PE is focused on dance, where the children will be learning the importance of unison and formation and how to use these to create interesting dances.

In RE, we are looking at how Muslims worship and why Allah is so important.

In Music, we are learning all about Caribbean and African folk music and understanding the history behind it and recognise the elements of this style of music.

In Computing, we are learning all about information can be organised and classified using branching databases.

In French, we will be learning how to speak about ourselves in our 'All about me' unit. We will be finding out how to greet each other in French alongside the numbers 1-10.

In Maths, we are continuing with learning how to multiply and divide before moving onto length and perimeter.

In English, we are reading 'The Tales of Wisdom and Wonder' with a focus on 'Monkey and Papa God' and 'The Peddler of Swaffham'.

Forest school sessions

This half term, the children will be having a Forest School session on a Thursday or a Friday afternoon. (Cedar – Friday, Elm/Birch – Thursday). Please send in a set of trousers, sensible shoes, hat/scarf/gloves and a warm coat on these days with your children.