

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term.

**Literacy:** Our first topic is on writing suspense stories; later on in the term we will be looking at diary writing. The children will be having their practise SATS on the week beginning 23 January and are in the process of undergoing checks on how their spellings are progressing. They will continue to learn their curriculum words: please help your child understand that the words given are commonly misspelt words; and learning them just for the test does not necessarily mean that their knowledge sticks. It would be good to revise them regularly.

**Maths:** With the splitting of the class into two groups, as is often the tradition of Curzon at this time of year, children will hopefully benefit from smaller groups and a more focused pitch to their needs. All children will cover the same topics, and these will include fractions, decimals and percentages; algebra; and SATs-style reasoning questions.

**Homework expectations per week as per school approved policy:**

Literacy	40 mins	
Numeracy	40 mins	
Spellings	40 mins (recommended to be divided into 3 sessions per week)	
Times Tables	12 x 12	All times tables must be known, calculated <i>at speed</i> , and need to include multiples, factors and the inverse (division facts). These are crucial to development in maths generally.
Reading	Children should be reading alone (and occasionally to an adult) preferably <i>daily</i> , but with a minimum of 3 times a week.	
Science	30 mins	

**Homework Timetable and Weekly Tests:**

Monday	Spellings	Test is following Monday
Monday	Science	Every other week
Wednesday	Maths, Literacy	Completed work returned the following Monday NB. Please encourage your child to check their understanding of the task on Wednesday night, so that I can address any queries or concerns on the Thursday as I am not in on Fridays
Wednesday, Friday	Mental Maths Test	Ensure that times tables are rehearsed regularly along with mental and/or pen and paper calculations

**Your child's responsibilities:**

I am pleased to report that all children are following Curzon stationery rules, dress code, etc. Please continue to help your child develop good organisational habits by encouraging them to abide by the system they set up last term, or to consider improvements to it.

**Achievements:** Please continue to record extra-curricular achievements outside the classroom in the children's homework book.

**Afternoon topics (the timetable is stuck into your child's homework diary):**

<b>P.E</b>	Hockey, tennis, gym	<b>R.E.</b>	Pilgrimage ( <i>second-half</i> )
<b>Science</b>	Evolution/inheritance ( <i>first-half</i> ) Animals including humans ( <i>second-half</i> )	<b>P.H.S.E</b>	Good to be me ( <i>first-half</i> ) Going for goals ( <i>second-half</i> )
<b>I.C.T</b>	SPAG/Literacy revision through ICT	<b>Art</b>	Portraiture
<b>History</b>	Ancient Greece ( <i>all term</i> )	<b>Forest School</b>	<i>Second half term (Fridays)</i>
<b>French</b>	Calendar and café		

Do please contact me if there are any queries regarding the information above or anything concerning your child. Monday and Tuesday evenings after school are the best times to catch me; otherwise we can arrange a meeting convenient to us both, on an agreed future date. I very much hope to see you all at the Year 6 Parents Consultations on 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> March, and again at the SATS evening on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your continued support this year.

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