

# Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and managed to spend some time with your friends and family. We have enjoyed hearing the children speak about what they got up to over the festive season.

Our overriding topic for the spring term is *Misty Mountain, Winding River*. During this topic, we will be learning about the different features of rivers, how mountains are formed and looking at examples of each from around the world as well as closer to home. The book that we will be exploring within our English and Guided Reading lessons will be *King of the Cloud Forests* by Michael Morpurgo, which the children have already enjoyed reading the start of. In Art, we will be looking at landscape art work and different techniques we could use in our own work to build up an effective landscape.

As always, we will be continuing to improve our spelling and grammar. We will test once a week and it is really important that you support your child with practising their words at home. As in the Autumn term, the children will receive weekly Maths and English homework. This is designed to support the children in practising and embedding the skills and knowledge they have been developing in class.

Maths is heavily focused on division and multiplication to start with this term, looking at formal written methods for multiplication and division. We will follow this with length and perimeter, before starting our unit on fractions and decimals. The children have been busy working on their times tables knowledge in school, but it is vital that you support them with this at home too. The Multiplication Tables Check is fast approaching! It is great to see the children logging into Times Tables Rock Stars and striving to improve upon their previous scores. We strongly recommend using Times Tables Rock Stars to support their recall and fluency. By now, the children should be familiar with using [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) too. This is a great way to practise as it represents the check they will be doing in the summer term.

Over the next week, we will be reassessing your child's reading ability and ensuring they all have an appropriate reading book. As always, please continue to support with their reading at home as this is vital for them being able to make progress. We will still be checking Fab4 scores on a Monday and look forward to seeing lots of recorded reads this term.

**P.E-** Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school for the entire week and that all items are clearly labelled with their name. They will need to have appropriate trainers, black joggers/shorts and a white t shirt. As we are currently experiencing cold weather, please ensure that a suitable jumper is included for outdoor PE sessions.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to another fabulous term.

The Year 4 team.