

Welcome back! We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break and we would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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Year!**

This term our topics are:

- *Earth and Space*
- *Forces*
- *Britain's settlement by the Anglo Saxons and the Scots.*
- *UK counties and rivers.*

Our topics provide us with lots of opportunities to learn in different ways: we will be making Saxon artefacts using clay, researching evidence of Anglo Saxons in Shropshire, investigating the planets, solar system and how day and night are created plus much more! In literacy we are currently reading Kensuke's Kingdom, we will be using the book to inspire our writing and writing in different ways: for example balanced arguments, descriptions and recounts. We will also writing about famous authors and scientists and presenting factual information. This term in maths we are continuing to use big numbers to calculate and will move on from fractions to look at decimals and percentages in more detail, as well as focussing on measure and angles. We are also applying some of our skills such as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to converting between different units of measure.

Please remember:

- Reading books and diaries should be in school every day.
- Children should be trying to read at least 3 times per week to an adult and they can earn house points for reading regularly.
- PE kits need to be in school every day. We will be swimming this half term for 6 weeks.
- Homework is given out each Friday. This half term children have a science project then Maths and English alternating weeks.
- Pupils should be learning and practicing their times tables up to 12 x 12 and know corresponding division facts, they have tests each week and are asked to recall them.
- New spellings are given out on Mondays and our spellings tests are on Mondays. Children are tested on 10 spellings and need to try to achieve at least 6/10. Spellings are sent home in log books and these need to be signed.

Trip: We have a trip booked to the Planetarium at Knighton and Offa's Dyke on Thursday 8th February. Letters will be sent out shortly.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come and speak to us before or after school or book an appointment with the office. Many thanks Mrs Parkes and Mrs Reid.