

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.

The children have enjoyed their first week back and have absolutely loved being reunited with their friends and having the opportunity to get outside and play with them after the miserable weather we had for much of holiday.

An overview of what your child will be learning this term is as follows:

### Literacy

This term our focus books are *The Secret of Black Rock* by Joe Todd-Stanton and *The Story Machine* by Tom McLaughlin.

In the first half term, we'll be immersing ourselves in the wonderful adventure of Erin Pike and how she changes how people perceive Black Rock. We will be analysing the vocabulary used in the book, how the characters feel, along with the structure of the story before planning and writing a setting description and return narrative of our own.

After the February half term holiday, we'll be reading about Elliot, who despite finding spelling words correctly difficult, realises that he can tell amazing stories using a 'mysterious' machine that he finds in the attic. This is a lovely story and the children will write a story, some instructions for how to use a typewriter (they'll get to have a go on a typewriter to help them) and an explanation of how an invention that they come up with works.

*Reading – I would just like to thank you for the support you are giving your child with their reading books, both library and Little Wandle, I have been very impressed with the progress that the children have made so far this year. Please continue enjoying listening to your child read and sharing stories and rhymes with them.*

### Maths

We will continue to follow the planning as outlined by White Rose Education in their scheme of work. If your child is in year 1, they will be learning the areas that are marked at the top of the below graphic, and if your child is in year 2, they will be following the areas of maths detailed on the bottom row of the graphic.

Spring term	Number <b>Place value</b> (within 20) VIEW	Number <b>Addition and subtraction</b> (within 20) VIEW	Number <b>Place value</b> (within 50) VIEW	Measurement <b>Length and height</b> VIEW	Measurement <b>Mass and volume</b> VIEW
Spring term	Measurement <b>Money</b> VIEW	Number <b>Multiplication and division</b> VIEW	Measurement <b>Length and height</b> VIEW	Measurement <b>Mass, capacity and temperature</b> VIEW	

### Science

We are learning about everyday materials and rocks this term.

We will be learning about the differences between a material and an object; what makes different materials better suited for making particular objects, and we will be testing which materials are waterproof.

When learning about rocks, we will be learning about man-made and naturally occurring rocks and exploring their uses, conducting a simple test to compare the level of erosion and permeability of selected rocks, and grouping rocks according to their characteristics. After learning about rocks, we will move on to learning more about soil and fossils and how each are formed.

### Art

We will be studying work by, and creative pieces in the style of, the renowned Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky and Beatriz Milhazes, who is an abstract artist from Brazil.

### Design and Technology

We will be learning about structures, including axles, and looking at how best to strengthen and fix different materials together when constructing a windmill, using everyday items.

### Geography and history

We are learning about weather and season, with an introduction to the water cycle, in geography this term which builds on the learning the science learning we did last half term.

In history, we will be investigating how Wilmslow has changed over time.

### R.E

The children will continue learning about Christianity and have already begun looking at the different styles of church building, common features found in Christian churches and some of the symbols found in them. Later in the term, Reverend Roberts, who delivers wonderful services each Thursday, when we visit St Anne's church, is coming into school to talk about his role and to answer some of our questions.

### Computing

In the first half term of the term, we are learning what a computer is, learning about its parts, different inputs and the ports used, including their names, that a computer responds to instructions and recognise different forms of technology. We will design our own inventions which use computers and explain how they work at the end of the unit.

### P.E.

Like last term, our P.E. lessons are on Monday and Thursday mornings. Last term, we were very good at remembering our P.E. kits on Monday, and I'm sure we will be this term too. Can I just ask that you check the labels of the items clothing in your child's P.E. bag are still named, pen may have faded or a sticker has fallen off, and it makes it much easier and causes less upset if items are clearly labelled? Thank you.

Like I said in the reading section of this letter, thank you for the help, support and guidance that you give your child each and every day, it makes a world of difference and helps them to be the best they can be.

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything with me, then please come and talk to me when you are collecting your child at the end of the school day - we can either discuss it

there and then or arrange to meet at time that is convenient for both of us, or send me an email ([gharley@stannesfulshaw.net](mailto:gharley@stannesfulshaw.net)).

Thanks

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