



### Happy Summer Term and welcome back!

Everyone in the LKS2 team would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and we hope you had a wonderful break. We are very much looking forward to the new term and it has been great to see the children return with smiles on their faces and hear what they have been up to! This half term we have our wonderful performance of Cinderella and the Rockerfella to look forward to, we hope to see lots of you there!

### Learning Challenge Curriculum

'A trip to Europe' is our theme for this half term and as part of this in our learning challenge we will be learning about the Geographical differences between York and France.. Our main focus will be driven through the subject of Geography and be on physical and human features in different regions. This will be supported through our reading and writing. In Science we will learn to compare how things move on different surfaces through forces and magnets.. After half term, we will be launching into our theme 'Out and about' where we will learn to describe and understand key aspects of human Geography (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers).



### Literacy

Linking with our learning in the learning challenge curriculum, in literacy we will be looking at explanation and poetry. We will be unpicking the features of these types of writing before learning some of the key writing skills. In the final half term we will be writing an exciting narrative about an adventure. In reading we are going to be getting stuck into Varjak Paw by SF Said and in the final half term we will be reading Cloud Tea Monkeys.



### Maths

Year 3 - In maths, this term we will focus on column subtraction, unit fractions, non unit fractions, and finally parallel and perpendicular sides in polygons. We will also continue working on our times tables.

Year 4 - In maths, we will continue our focus on fractions and then turn our focus onto 2D shapes, time and finally division.



### PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will learn about Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care to identify a wide range of factors that maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle, physically and mentally. As well as, what good physical health means and how to recognise early signs of physical illness that common illnesses can be quickly and easily treated with the right care e.g. visiting the doctor when necessary. We will also look at how to maintain oral hygiene and dental health, including how to brush and floss correctly and the importance of regular visits to the dentist and the effects of different foods, drinks and substances on dental health.

### Attendance

Please make sure your child is in school and ready to learn at 8.50am every day. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 806655 before 9am and let us know. We will text you if we haven't heard from you by 9.30am to check your child is ok



### How can you support your child's learning?

Hearing your child reading every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes three times a week and make a note





in your reading journal. Reading journals will be checked on a Friday and house points will be awarded for children reading at least three times a week. A spelling list will be sent home on a Friday with 5 words to learn. Children will have a spelling test the following Friday on the words they have learnt. It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts. Additionally Bug Club online will support your child with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Each child has their own login which we use daily in school. Finally to ensure your children practise their lines and songs for the upcoming performance week commencing 24th April.

#### **Things to remember each week - PE Days**

Stingrays - Thursday and swimming on a Thursday

Lobster - Monday and Thursday

Pufferfish - Monday and Thursday



Please make sure that children are coming to school in their school uniform and that if earrings are worn, they are stud earrings. No hoop earrings please.