

**January 2020**

Dear Parent or Carer,

A happy new year to you all. We are now into the second and very busy term of the school year. I am very pleased to announce that the children have returned very settled and ready to continue with the good work of last term.

**Literacy** This term, the children will continue to study a range of genres. We shall begin with a narrative entitled The Shadow Cage, and then explore information texts which will support our History and Science. 'Super skills' sessions looking at spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue daily.

**Mathematics** We shall continue to put a strong emphasis on reasoning, which plays a very large part in the new curriculum. Please support your child by encouraging them to use the ICT programme 'Mathletics.' Do ask your child about it and encourage them to collect their "prizes!" An added daily Maths superskills season will take place where we will be looking specifically at the four operations.

**Afternoon Curriculum** During the afternoons, we will be introducing a new, dynamic curriculum. This term's topic is called 'The Frozen Kingdom'. We will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctic. In Science we will be looking at great women who have changed the history of the world and instead of class assemblies, we will be inviting you in to our classroom towards the end of term to see and share in your child's learning.

**Come Read With Me** Don't forget you are invited into the classroom on Tuesday mornings to take part in a reading session with your child. I look forward to seeing you there.

**Accelerated Reader** Can I remind you that you can see how well your child is doing with their quizzing by logging onto Renaissance Home Connect. Ask your child for their log in details. Please encourage your child to read at home- their word counts are celebrated in the form of certificates which we hand out at our celebration assembly on a Friday. Let's see how many word millionaires we can create this year!

**P4C (Philosophy for Children)** will continue in fortnightly sessions. It is lovely to see the way the children apply their thinking and reasoning skills.

**PE** This is now on a Monday afternoon and will be taught by Mr Stronge.

**Preview learning homework.** Homework will continue to be set as a pre-learning activity. This will give the children an advantage during their afternoon curriculum. Children will also bring home weekly 'beat your best spellings' on a Friday. Please support your child with the tasks that they bring home

**Polar Explorer Day.** We will be having a Polar Explorer day on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. A separate letter will be sent home informing you about this wonderful opportunity.

If you need to speak to me at all, and you are not able to get hold of me at school, you can always contact me on my email address. [flilley@highweekprimary.co.uk](mailto:flilley@highweekprimary.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook or Twitter @Highweek\_sch

Thank you for your co-operation.  
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