



January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and you are as excited for the new term as we are in Year 3 / 4. All pupils have had a fantastic first term at Town End and maintained excellent behaviour whilst taking on board a huge amount of new information. All pupils in the class should feel really proud of themselves and now need to aim to continue this excellent start.

Our topic before half-term is 'Anglo-Saxons and Scots', before we move on to 'Land Use Patterns' after half term. Much of our work across the curriculum will be linked to these topics and I'm sure that the pupils will thoroughly enjoy studying these topics. Thank you to everyone that supported their child over the first term - we saw some excellent work produced on Seesaw. This term's tasks will be published soon and your child will be made aware of this.

Our Maths sessions will continue to be in split year groups, Year 3s taught by either Mrs Crabtree or Mr Cowell/Mrs Wheatcroft and due to staffing changes, all the Year 4s will be taught by Mr Smith.

Our P.E. lessons this term continue to be on Wednesday and Thursdays. Could pupils please come to school on these days wearing suitable P.E. kit (Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, coloured T-Shirt, a black tracksuit top or hoodie and suitable trainers). Most P.E. lessons will be held outdoors, so please send your child in clothing suitable for the weather.

Our Outdoor Learning lessons will be held on Wednesdays. As this is the same day as one of our PE lessons - please ensure children bring a change of shoes for this session e.g. wellies/ hiking boots in a named bag. Outdoor Learning lessons will usually be spent outside, irrespective of the weather.

Spellings will be given to all pupils every Monday morning. Please check in their Home - School diaries as children would have glued these in at school. Spelling tests will take place in school on the Friday morning, and your child will be expected to record their score in their reading diary. Pupils will also receive a half-termly overview to support future and reinforce learning.

Our class will now have the opportunity to work with our Music Partnership to complete 10 weeks of singing lessons. This will take place in school on a Thursday afternoon.

It is really important that your child also reads to an adult regularly at home to support both the skill and enjoyment of reading. If possible, could you please sign and date in their diary whenever you listen to your child read.

Please support your child in their work on TT Rockstars. All pupils have now accessed the programme in school and many have also made really positive starts at home, working through the 'Garage' levels.

Many thanks for your support. If you have any concerns or queries about anything at all, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Mr. D. Smith

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