



Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you all enjoyed your Christmas break and that the children are well rested for the exciting new year ahead.

This term we will be looking at what makes Yarnton such a special place to live. We'll be looking at Yarnton's history and getting out and about developing our observational skills and conducting fieldwork around the village. We will also be comparing our county to others around the UK and finding out which European town we have been twinned with. In the coming weeks it would be useful if the children could explore the village with you and take a picture of what they think makes Yarnton special. This picture could then be used in our classroom displays.

In Science we will be learning about Friction and movement; comparing how things move on different surfaces and observing how magnets attract or repel each other and different materials.

We will focus on Yarnton during Literacy as well this term, with the children reading and writing information texts about their village. They will be learning how to summarise large pieces of text and paragraphs, make notes and then use these to write their own reports. We will also be reading stories from other cultures and fairy tales. If you or your family are not originally from Britain and you have a favourite fairy tale or story from your country/culture please come and share it with the teachers.

In Maths we will be practising our times tables and using these to help us with our mental division skills. Please continue to practice the multiplication tables at home as we will have regular tests in class. We will also be developing our understanding of 3 and 4 digit numbers and using these in column addition and subtraction calculations. In the later part of the term we will be reading analogue and digital clocks and trying to work out time durations. We encourage you to practise the multiplication tables and telling the time with your child at home as much as possible as this will have a huge impact on their learning in school.

In Music, it is Owl class who will be learning the violin. Kestrel class will have the opportunity to learn chess with Mr Varney.

Towards the end of term, the Year 4 children will be going on their exciting visit to Hooke Court, the Year 3 children will be carrying out an Art Discovery project.

Can you please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school (with names on all items).

Best wishes,

The Lower Key Stage 2 team