

Dear Parents and Carers,

We'd like to welcome you to the new half term. This letter is just to give you an idea into what we will be doing, so as to give you an insight to your child's time in school as we move into the Spring Term.



We will be beginning our new topic, Misty Mountain, Winding River. This first project teaches children about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them.

In PE, the 'target, control, combine' and 'strike, rally, react' modules will teach the important skills of hand-eye and foot-eye coordination.

In English we will be reading *Sky Hawk* by Gill Lewis. This is a really wonderful book which has inspired some lovely work from children in the past couple of years. We will begin by writing non-chronological reports about the animals we meet in the book. We will also be focusing on the same book in reading, improving our skills in the seven stages of reading, especially supporting our predictions with evidence from the text and inference.

In Maths we will be continue with Multiplication and Division using our times tables knowledge and applying it to Maths problems with subjects such as Factor Pairs and formal written methods for Multiplication and Division. We will then move onto Length and Perimeter and Fractions. It is of particular importance for children to continue to practise their times tables on TTRockstars regularly with the Multiplication Check happening later in the year.

In RSHE, we will be learning about how to manage our feelings as well as coping and learning how to deal with all the obstacles that life throws in our way.

In Science, we will be studying States of matter. This project teaches children about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

We will continue to use our new music platform, Charanga, which the children seem to be thoroughly enjoying. This half term we will begin to learn the Ukulele, including how to tune and hold the instrument and then move onto learning some basic chords. We will be using Ukulele to perform a few simple pieces of music in class.

In Design and Technology, we will complete a project called Functional and Fancy Fabrics. This project teaches children about home furnishings and the significant designer William Morris. They learn techniques for decorating fabric, including block printing, hemming and embroidery and use them to design and make a fabric sample.

Thank you for all your help and support so far. Please contact us through the Year 4 email (year4@stthomas.org.uk) should you have any queries or concerns or speak to us on playground at the end of the day.

Mrs Washington, Mr Randviir and Mrs Nichols 😊