

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second spring term. It's lovely to see the days getting longer and the weather beginning to warm up.

Friday 6th March: Malham Meeting

Friday 13th March: Class Assembly

In mathematics, we will be continuing our work on fractions before moving on to decimals and percentages. Later in the term, we will study perimeter and area, followed by statistics. A useful website to support all areas of maths learning is BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>. Mathletics is also an excellent tool for consolidation and revision.

Our English lessons will focus on *The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf.

A quick synopsis: A new boy named Ahmed joins the class. The children discover he is a refugee from Syria and set out to welcome him and help him find his family, showing the power of kindness and friendship.

In science, we will continue exploring materials and their properties. This includes investigating which substances dissolve in liquids and how to recover them, as well as separating mixtures through filtering, sieving, and evaporation. The children will learn which changes are reversible, such as dissolving or melting, and which create new materials that cannot easily be changed back, such as burning or mixing bicarbonate of soda with an acid.

Our geography topic continues to focus on Malham, helping prepare the children for our residential after Easter.

PE sessions will remain on Tuesday and Friday. In dance, children will develop a range of techniques and work collaboratively to perform a class dance. They will also choreograph their own short dance phrase, giving them opportunities to be creative and expressive while developing cooperation and communication. In tennis, we will focus on improving hand-eye coordination.

In RE, we will continue exploring the question: *What do Christians believe about old and new covenants?*

In Spanish, we will be learning vocabulary linked to the home – *mi casa*.

In Music, the children will be creating their own pieces of electronic music using the ICT suite.

A gentle reminder that topic homework is due each Friday morning. Spellings are set every Monday on SpellingShed, and weekly Mathletics activities are set on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gillespie