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Be kind, be curious, be you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting Spring Term 2. This half term is packed with engaging learning and new topics. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we're excited for another positive and productive half term ahead!

Topic: Titanic

This half term, our focus topic will explore the question: *Why is the sinking of the Titanic still remembered today?* Through this project, children will learn about the story of the RMS Titanic, from its ambitious design and construction to its sinking on 15th April 1912.

Using historical accounts and a range of evidence, the children will explore the real human stories behind the disaster. Alongside learning what happened, they will also reflect on the important lessons that were learned at the time and how these helped to shape future safety at sea.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, the children will continue to build on their phonics knowledge, using what they've learned to become more confident and independent readers. They will be practising how to blend sounds to read new words and applying this knowledge in their writing as well. We will also focus on reading comprehension, encouraging children to talk about what they read, make predictions, and answer questions to show their understanding of different texts. In writing, we will be developing sentence structure, helping children to write clear and complete sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

Science:

In Science this term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of the natural world by exploring the seasons, plants, animals, and weather. They will learn about the four seasons, discussing how each one changes the environment and what we might see or experience at different times of the year. The children will investigate deciduous and evergreen trees, learning how to identify them using key features and technical vocabulary, and observing trees in the local area. They will also explore how deciduous trees change through the seasons and how animals adapt to seasonal changes, including hibernation and life cycles. Alongside this, the children will build their weather knowledge by making observations outdoors, using appropriate scientific language, and recording changes over time.

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***'I pray that you will be rooted and established
in love.' Ephesians 3 verse 17.***



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This term, children will be exploring big questions about how the world came to be and what different people believe about creation. They will begin by sharing their own ideas and reflecting on what they already know about God and Jesus, building on their learning from earlier years. Together, we will explore how Christians describe God, particularly focusing on the belief of God as Creator. The children will also learn about the Christian Creation story from the Bible and what it teaches believers about God and the world.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays with Mr. Andrews, and then on Friday.

Art & Design

This half term, children will be learning about where our food comes from and developing some important food preparation skills. They will explore different sources of food and begin to understand how ingredients reach our plates. As part of this hands-on learning, the children will practise a range of basic techniques including peeling, tearing, slicing, chopping, mashing and grating.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and is due the following Wednesday. Regular reading is encouraged and reading books will be changed on a Thursday. If you have mislaid your reading diary, please let us know and we can replace it.

Keeping in Touch

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me via the school office or catch me for a quick chat at drop-off or pick-up time.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term.

Kind Regards,

Megan Ledbetter

Donaldson Class Teacher

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