

## Welcome back after the Christmas holidays!

If you need to contact staff about your child's education and wellbeing please see emails below. Or please call school.

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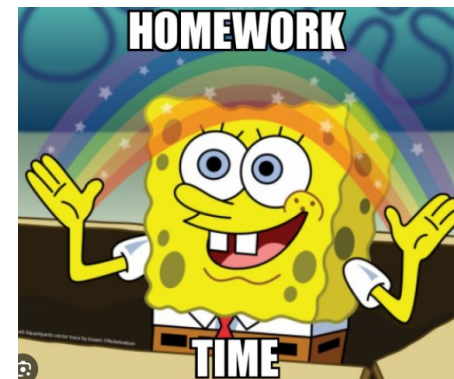
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## Maths

### Number

Life skills theme this term...

Can you work on recognising coins and their names.

Can you help with the shopping?

Can you make a meal or snack at home using scales or measuring cups?

Can you go to the shop and buy a snack with minimal support to pay and make a choice.

## Literacy

Please read as often as possible, a book will come home, from the library and please read at home as often as possible please fill in the yellow reading diary.

Our topic is 'Let it grow' this term. We are learning about lots of different plants and creating and following instruction texts. We are also reading a huge variety of non fiction texts which discuss key issues such as deforestation, recycling and reforestation. The students have already shown a great interest in this topic.

Our phonics scheme, Read write Inc, has been embedded fully and students engaged in this are thriving with their reading. We are all so proud. Books should come home on a weekly basis if your child accesses this and books should be added for homework on a weekly basis on the Oxford Owl website. These have been emailed, but if you need the login for this please let me know and I can send the details home.

### Key information for Spring term

- PE is on a Wednesday. Please come into school PE kit ready or bring a PE kit to school.
- Life skills is a Monday afternoon, we are currently working on Independence in the community

## Science—Plants—Classification and life cycles

Can you plant some flowers at home? Or Grow some grass heads?

Class 9 also have a student from Nottingham Trent University completing a 5 week set of sessions teaching hands on chemistry with us. We had our first session on Wednesday investigating a red cabbage to create a PH indicator.



## Life skills—Independence in our community

Developing our independence skills around school and walking with adult support out in the community. We will be looking at the Green Cross Code and crossing a pelican crossing with support.

We are also hoping to use public transport on a bus with adult support.

PE—Gymnastics, we are practicing our balancing skills, we are enjoying using the new foam beams, Can you visit the park and practice your balancing skills?



The Green cross code



Find a safe place to cross



Stop just before you get to the curb



Look all around for traffic and listen



If traffic is coming let it past



When it is safe go straight across the



road. Do not run