

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break! Please read the information below carefully so that you can support your child and help them to progress with their understanding of our learning.

Here is an overview of our curriculum for the second Autumn term.

English Shared text – The lion, the witch and the wardrobe Descriptive writing	Maths Length and perimeter Fractions
History Ancient China – Shang Dynasty Anglo-Saxons	Science Forces and magnets
	Computing Creating media – Stop-frame animation
RE How do festivals and worship show what is important to Muslims?	DT and Art Shell Packaging
French Greetings Numbers	PE Gymnastics Fitness
Music Three little birds	Learning for Life Keeping safe

Reading books and diaries - Reading is at the heart of what we do at St Luke's, so children should continue to take books home to read. Please make sure you **sign your child's reading diary**, with how they found the book, this can help with our assessments of reading. We want to encourage children to read as much as possible, as it is so beneficial for their learning in all areas of the curriculum.

PE – Monday and Friday. Please let children come in their PE kit to school, (tracksuit with trainers, but no football kit or clothes with logos please) suitable for the weather as we plan to be outside for some of the sessions. Make sure earrings are removed for health and safety reasons.

Homework – will be set for Monday morning onwards online using Atom. You can find your children's log in details stuck in their Reading Diary. Children should complete their task by the following Monday. Please ensure the children have completed their baseline assessments first, this will help tailor the level of homework being set. **Please also ensure that the children are completing their homework independently as the questions will change based upon their previous answers.** If your children are finding this difficult, at the bottom of the question there are help guides to explain the question.

Spellings – test every Wednesday. New spellings will be available online and spelling books will be returned by Wednesday. Spellings can be practised online throughout the week on <https://www.edshed.com/> using your child's login details, these are also in their Reading Diary.

Library - Children will have the opportunity to borrow books from our lovely library every other week on a Tuesday. Please ensure that library books are returned every other week.

Mental Maths - Children should continue to use TTRockstars and will be set battles online on <https://www.ttrockstars.com/>. We have a mental maths test every Friday. This contains multiplication questions as well as division questions to support your children's understanding of inverse operations. This is very important for your children to practice regularly in preparation for their journey into year 4. <https://mathsframe.co.uk/> is a useful website with times table games if your children want to practice more.

As always, if you have any concerns, you can contact us via the school office, either by phone or email, or you can see me directly after school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mayer-Gibb