

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a lovely Easter break!

Our **Topic** this term is **North, East, South, West**. We will name, locate and learn about capital cities of the United Kingdom and we will also incorporate some work on compass directions.

In **Science** we will be learning about **Living things and their Habitats**, exploring how plants and animals are adapted to their different environments.

In **English** we will be studying some stories from different countries and cultures starting with *Handa's Surprise*. We will describe the story setting, an African village, and learn about similarities and differences to where we live. The Reception children will join in with our literacy work where appropriate focusing on applying their phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences. They will continue with their phonics programmes; consolidating sounds learnt so far and learning to read consonant blends such as 'st' and 'bl'. Please continue to read/practise sounds with your child as much as possible at home- it really does make a difference.

In **Maths** we will be starting with multiplication and division work and then we will move on to money; we will learn to recognise the different notes and coins and then use money to buy things and give change. We will continue with our mental arithmetic sessions focusing on times tables. Please keep up the good maths work at home using *Mathletics* (don't forget to bring in your certificates to share on a Friday).

This term **PE** will be on a Tuesday afternoon and we will be focusing on team games. As we move into summer (and hopefully warmer weather) we will be outdoors for PE as much as possible. Please ensure that the children have a warm outdoor PE kit and also an indoor PE kit just in case we need to be indoors. Please ensure your child's kit is at school at all times and is clearly labelled with their name.

In **RE** we will be learning about '**Celebrations**'; the children will learn about different celebrations including birthdays, weddings and christenings.

Hopefully the weather will warm up over the coming weeks. Please make sure your child has a sun hat and drinks bottle in school and that sun cream is applied at home if necessary.

As always, please feel free to call in and speak to a member of the Byland team if you have any concerns.

Mrs Bennison and Mrs Wells