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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a happy, healthy and wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for any cards and gifts we received, as always it is much appreciated.

I hope everyone is looking forward to the new term ahead. Our plan for the term is attached to the email, but here's a few key points to remember.

• Home learning - Our main driver project this term is Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. This covers our geography learning and some of our science. Last term we saw some amazing home learning from the children, so please continue to encourage them to engage with their learning outside of school by completing one or more of the tasks. They will be coming home with a home learning sheet this week. We look forward to seeing their ideas.

PE - This half-term PE will be on a Thursday and Friday.

• **Spellings** - All children should already have their spellings for the first half term. The spelling quiz will continue to be on a Friday. If your child is accessing the Little Wandle scheme (below phase 4), then this will not apply. Don't forget to also keep looking at the Common Exception Words and Y3/4 Statutory Words with your child (in their Next Steps book).

• **Times tables** - Please continue to practice these at home. This half term we'll be having a big push on the 3s, 4s and 8s. Each child has their own password to TT Rockstars which is a great way of making their times table learning fun at home.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Bridge and Miss Ward