

Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. Here we go with another new term full of exciting learning.



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- **Maths** - At the end of last half term we started working on multiplication and division strategies, so this will be our main focus for Spring 1. We will be focussing on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Please keep practicing the 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home as well as these new ones. Please make use of Times Table Rockstars, just 5 or 10 minutes a day can really help.

- **Topic** - This half term we'll be delving into the Stone Age to find out what life was like all those years ago, using this to help inspire our English writing and art. And the best bit is, we'll get to experience it first hand with our visit to Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre at the end of the month (more details to follow). We will also be looking at rocks and fossils in our science lessons.

- **PE** - This half-term PE will be on a Thursday and Friday. We are lucky to have Hollie, a dance coach join us on Thursdays, and will continue to have Mr Treble on Fridays with a focus on gymnastics this half term.

- **Home reading** - Another reminder to keep a strong focus on reading at home, with the aim to read 5x a week.

- **Home learning** - Home learning sheets have been sent home with ideas to support their topic learning. This should really be something that enhances their learning and gets them thinking beyond what we learn in the classroom.

- **Spellings** - New spellings have been set for this half term and the spelling quiz will again be on a Monday.

- **Named clothing** - Several unnamed jumpers/cardigans were put into lost property at the end of last term. Please make sure clothing is named so they can be returned to their owners.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Miss Bridge and Mrs Cooke