



# Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the much-needed half-term break. I definitely feel like I'm coming back refreshed and ready to go.

- **Maths** - We're coming to the end of our multiplication and division topic in maths. That doesn't mean it will all be forgotten so keep practicing those times tables at home. We'll be doing the same in school. We're now moving on to Length and Perimeter and then making a start on Fractions.
- **Science topic** - This half-term we'll be thinking about how forces impact the world around us. Starting with what a force is and then focusing on magnetism. There will be lots of hands-on activities for this. It also ties in nicely with our English learning where we'll be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes and basing our writing activities around this. Our DT learning also focuses on mechanisms.
- **Geography** - We'll be delving more into some of the key skills required of a geographer this half-term, such as map reading and understanding key geographic vocabulary.
- **Computing** - We'll be doing some coding this half-term. I'm pretty sure the children might be able to teach us a thing or two!
- **PE** - This continues to be on Thursdays and Fridays with dance carrying on for another half-term.
- **Home reading** - Reading is coming along really well this year, with several children moving onto Free Choice books. Please continue to read with your child at home, especially getting them to read out loud, as we have a real focus on using expression to make our reading more exciting for an audience.
- **Home learning** - Home learning sheets have been sent home with ideas to support their topic learning. This half-term I would like children to answer one of the topic questions with their own research.
- **Spellings** - New spellings have been set for this half term and the spelling quiz will again be on a Monday.

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

Miss Bridge and Mrs Cooke



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