



5<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas holiday. We look forward to welcoming your children back after their break.

This term, we have the exciting topics of 'Electricity' in Science, 'Sustainability' in Geography and getting creative in Art and DT! We have also planned engaging lessons in Maths, English, Computing, French, PSHE and RE. Please see the curriculum overview for a more complete picture of your child's learning. The main points for the spring term are summarised below:

### PE

Cherry Class will have PE **Wednesday and Thursday**

Hazel Class will have PE **Tuesday and Wednesday**

Please keep PE kits at home and send your child in wearing their kit on PE days.

*Polite reminder: If your child has their ears pierced, please remove earring/s or cover earring/s with tape before school on PE days.*

### Reading and Homework

Please can you encourage your children to keep reading at least **4 times a week** at home and record this in their reading diaries (new reading diaries will be given out this term). Reading diaries should continue to be brought into school on **Mondays**.

Homework will continue to be accessed online, using **maths.co.uk**, **Anton** or **TT Rockstars**. Each child has their own login and they are familiar with this platform as we use it in the classroom. Please contact your class teacher if you have trouble accessing these online platforms.

### Multiplication tables check (MTC)

We will be stepping up with our times tables learning in preparation for the MTC in the summer term. We will primarily be using TTRockstars (Soundcheck), as this simulates the check. *It is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times table questions. Your child will be able to answer 3 practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.*

The purpose of the statutory assessment is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help us as a school to identify if your child may need additional support.

### Contact

Our class emails are **cherry@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk** or **hazel@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk**. You can also contact the school office on **adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk** with more general enquiries. Remember we are on the classroom door at the beginning and end of each day most of the time. It is important to note that we cannot discuss incidents related to other children via email.

Kind Regards,

The Year 4 Team.