



7th January 2025

Dear Parents,

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

This term, we have the exciting topics of electricity in science, learning about sustainability in Geography and getting creative in Art and DT! We have also planned engaging lessons in Maths, English, computing, French, PSHE and RE. Plus there will be outdoor activity days planned later on in term. Please see the curriculum overview attached for a more complete picture of your child's learning.

The main points for the spring term are summarised below:

PE

Year 4 PE days are **different for the different classes this term**

Cherry Class (Mr Booth) will have PE TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

Hazel Class (Mrs Maddex) will have PE TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

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 we encourage children to keep reading at least 4 times a week at home and record this in their reading diaries. Reading diaries should continue be brought into school on Mondays. There is always an option homework too that is linked to parts of our term's learning.

Multiplication tables check (MTC)

We will be stepping up with our times tables learning in preparation for the MTC, which is reflected in our focus on this for homework. We will primarily be using TTRockstars, as this simulated the check. However, if there is a problem with you accessing this, please let us know.

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.

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.

Contact

In terms of contacting us, in the first instance contact **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.

Again, we are looking forward to the term ahead.

Kind Regards

Mr Booth, Mrs Maddex and the year 4 team.