**Year 5 Spring Term 2024**

Happy New Year and welcome back – we hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed some quality time with your families. We are looking forward to another busy and exciting term ahead!

Our Spring Term topics are led by our Science unit: Earth and Space as well as our Geography Unit: Volcanoes! We will also be looking at Space themed art, in line with our Space and Forces topic, designing and creating a multi-media style Peter Thorpe inspired piece. We would be grateful to borrow any linked books or resources if you have any, but please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child’s name. Do make use of the collectables uploaded to discuss the learning with your child – you might even learn something new, too!

Birch class will now have PE every Monday and Wednesday: and Rowan class are continuing with swimming on Monday and have PE on Tuesdays. Please allow children to come into school wearing their school PE kit (Purple or white PE t-shirt, school jumper, trainers/plimsolls, black leggings or track suit bottoms.) Ideally, earrings should not be worn on PE days and hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

A reminder that Reading diaries must be completed with a minimum of 4 reads at home each week and returned to school every Monday to be marked off. We are continuing to promote reading for pleasure across the school, so please encourage your children to fall in love with books! If they read something they particularly enjoy, we would love to hear their recommendations. Maths homework is handed out every Friday (or set on maths.co.uk) to be returned the following Thursday.

As always, please remember that you can email us at birch@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk or rowan@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk if you have any questions and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as possible. However, if you have an urgent message, please see us at the door in the morning, send your child in with a note or phone in to the office.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Griss and Mrs Madej