



**Last term, we enjoyed...** Welcome back and Happy New Year! There were so many highlights last term. In English, Indigo Class absolutely loved Harry Potter. One of their favourite parts was designing and creating their very own mythical creature and adding it to their own version of the story. We enjoyed learning new skills in maths including factors, prime numbers and squared numbers. In science, the children learnt about changing materials and carried out wow investigations into dissolving, evaporating and irreversible change which was so much fun. Our history lessons were all about World War One and the best parts were seeing and handling artefacts, as well as a Poetry and Poppies drama workshop. Art was one of our favourite lessons- discovering the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and painting portraits. Learning about global trade in geography was very eye opening and we had an amazing time at Mrs Dowson's farm learning about locally sourced food. Finally, our Christmas performance, which we worked so hard on, was a fantastic end to a wonderful term. Well done Indigo Class.

**This term, we are looking forward to...** We have a very exciting term coming up! In Maths, we are learning about fractions and multiplication and division and in English, science fiction texts. In Indigo Class, we love science and can't wait to find out about space and the solar system this half term. We have a very exciting trip coming up to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh. Watch this space! One of our other favourite subjects is art and we are looking forward to learning about space art through the artist Peter Thorpe. After half-term, we are excited to learn all about the ancient Greeks, including Greek myths in English and Greek history (the children are keen to find out about Greek Gods) Also in Spring 2, we will be learning about gravity and forces and carrying out a range of investigations on this topic. We will also be building and creating our own marble runs linking to our learning in science, which will be amazing! As always, we are looking forward to PE to include gymnastics and more swimming this term.

### Key Vocabulary

Here is some key vocabulary that we will be using throughout the half term:

- Solar system
- Names of the planets
- Rotates
- Orbit
- Mono print and overprint
- Layering
- Democracy
- Athens
- Sparta
- Gravity
- Force
- Structure
- Reinforce

If you wish, you could use these websites to complete quizzes and reinforce knowledge in Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgwxfg8/articles/z6w8jhv>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt/articles/z3b3ydm>

### Important days and dates

- PE is on a Thursday pm and swimming on a Friday am . Please ensure you are in active uniform at all times
- Mrs Noakes teaches Indigo Class on a Thursday morning and Fridays all day
- Trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh on 9.2.24 (We will be arriving at school early and returning late.) Please check texts for info
- We are organising a star gazing evening after school. Watch this space!

**Homework:** In Indigo Class the expectation is:

- 3x reading per week
- Complete both sides of spellings over the week (little and often is best)
- 3x Times Table Rockstars
- 3x Bug Club

This is to support your child's learning and understanding in class and to practise skills, as well to prepare them for high school. Please remind your child to record everything they do in their communication books. This is important as we check through them and recognition to those who complete everything.