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| Dear Parent or Carer,  I hope you had a relaxing break and I am excited to welcoming the children back for the second half of our Spring term. This half term our study unit is going to be a history focus, we will be learning all about significant women in medicine- Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. The Knowledge Organiser will give you more details of the things we will learn. If you or your child have any interesting books, artefacts or photographs to do with the topic, please send them in to share.  **English**  In English, reading and writing will be based around our key text: Harry and his bucket full of Dinosaurs. We will be writing with a purpose to entertain and writing character descriptions. We will then be writing a non-chronological report all about Dinosaurs! The children have been working on writing using expanded noun phrases and I am looking forward to reading more of their descriptive writing.  We have also been writing using statement, question, command and exclamation sentences.  **Maths**  Our Maths learning this term will focus on Money.  Last half term the children worked extremely hard to master their knowledge on multiplication and division. We worked on consolidating times tables facts- specially 2, 5 and 10s. Please don’t forget to encourage your child to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as much as possible- this is an integral part of your child’s learning.  The children also worked hard on making links with their number bonds to 10 and bridging 10. For example, 7 + 5. The children worked hard to recognise 7 and 3 make 10, therefore leaving 2 left over which makes 12. | **Homework**  Reading  Please help us by returning reading books **every Thursday** to ensure that we can send out two new books each Friday.  *Please comment on each book that your child reads, as when they achieve ten comments, they will receive a special certificate in Gold Book assembly as part of the ‘Ten Book Challenge’.*  Spelling  Spelling sheets are given out alongside two reading books **every Friday**, to be returned the following Friday. Your child will have a short ‘Spelling quiz’ each week and we will communicate their results with you via their spelling sheet. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings little and often throughout the week.  In class we enjoy completing spelling activities on Purple Mash. I will continue to set these if your child would also like to practise at home!  Maths  Please encourage your child to play on Numbots regularly at home. Little and often is the perfect approach and will really support your child in learning their key number facts.  Your child’s log-in details for Numbots are on the inside cover of their reading records. Each week, a Numbots star is chosen for a special certificate in Celebration Assembly! If you have any difficulties logging on, please come and see me. | **Key dates**  **Friday 23rd February 2024-** Gardening afternoon!  **PE days**  PE days are **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. If your child wears earrings, please make sure that they are taken out or covered before school on these days. Your child needs to come to school with tape and this is either put on by parents/carers or the child themselves. Adults in school are unable to cover up your child’s earrings.  If your child is unable to take part in PE, please could you let me know, this needs to be accompanied with a letter explaining why.  **Other areas of the curriculum**  In Science this half term, we are learning about Plants (see the knowledge organiser for more details). In DT, we will be designing and making a moving monster and we are also going to be playing the Ocarina in music!  **Reminders**  Please remember to bring a named water bottle in to school each day.  Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child’s name. |