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Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. I hope that your child feels refreshed and happy to start the new Term. The general topics I intend to cover during the Spring Term are as follows:

- Literacy: Fiction - myths, legends, traditional fairy stories and fables.  
Non-fiction - writing different types of instructions, using thesaurus and dictionaries.  
Stories and poetry from different cultures.
- Maths: Place Value, The Four Number Operations (+, -, x, :), Number Patterns, Money and Problems, Shape and Space, Time and Weight and Bar Charts.
- Humanities: World Weather and Climate.
- Science: 'Keeping Warm' and 'Rocks and Soils'.
- Art/DT: Artists and art techniques including Still Life/Packaging.
- ICT: Sound Programming.
- RE: Old Testament.

Please encourage your child to find and collect information and pictures to help them in their understanding and interest of these topics. Please also continue to listen to your child reading on a daily basis and continue to practise times tables.

We shall visit The National Stone Centre in Derbyshire as part of our Science work, but as the location is very exposed I have decided to wait until later in the Term when hopefully the weather will be warmer.

Homework will follow a similar pattern to last term, ie:

- Monday: Jolly Grammar and Spellings worksheets  
Tuesday: Mental Arithmetic  
Wednesday: Mathematics work taken from weekly topic  
Thursday: Learn spellings of weekly words (some children may need to start learning these earlier in the week)  
Friday: Weekend individual spellings.

If you have any queries on homework, areas of the curriculum, topics we are covering or if your child is unsure of anything and requires help, please do not hesitate to come and see me. Please remind your child to bring his/her homework diary, sharp pencils, a white rubber, ruler and a pencil sharpener daily, along with their reading book.

Dates for your diary:

Parents' Evenings - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 4.00pm - 8.00pm  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Time Travelling at Southwell Minster – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Form Three and Four Production – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

Yours sincerely

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Form Three Teacher