Please note, your child will take their SATs Tests during the month of May, therefore no holidays will be authorised during this time.

**Homework**
Over the forthcoming weeks your children will be bringing home sample test papers for their homework for both maths and grammar. These tests are examples of the types of questions that they will be answering in their SATs and are very similar to the school work that your child completes on a daily basis. It would be useful if your child could initially complete the task independently then sit with an adult to discuss and review any errors. Please feel free to make any additional comments. Could you please ensure that homework is completed on a weekly basis and handed in on time.

**Maths**
We will continue to place great focus on place value and our understanding of the value of each digit within a number and use this knowledge to compare numbers using < > and =. We will be focusing on adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers using visual representation and moving onto formal written methods (please use the maths document for any guidance) this will also relate to their understanding of money. We will revisit our previous work on time, measure, shape, fractions, division and multiplication. We are particularly focusing on providing reasoning for our answers throughout all areas of maths. Please continue to practice all mental maths activities in homework books.

**Topic**
Our Topic this term is Science based and we will be investigating dinosaurs and discussing whether they would make good pets. Through whole class investigations, the children will develop their scientific skills and will be posing questions and running tests to prove or disprove ideas. The children will be classifying animals and dinosaurs using criteria.

**Year 2H – Spring**
Mr Haygarth
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(TA Support)

**Visit from Bolton Museum**
As part of our topic we will be having a visit from the Bolton Museum Outreach Team who will be coming into school to deliver a ‘Dinosaur Dig’ workshop on Wednesday 6th February, 2019. A letter regarding this will follow in the coming weeks.

**Reminders**
Please ensure all items of clothing and particularly hats, gloves, scarves and PE kits all have your child’s name on. P.E days are Wednesday and Friday; earrings must be removed on these days, children will not be able to do P.E when wearing earrings even if they are taped up. Homework will be given out on Thursday and should be returned the following Tuesday. Spellings will be given out every Friday and children will be tested the following Friday. Please contact staff at any time if you have any problems, queries or questions.

**English**
Our dinosaur topic will provide a variety of opportunities for writing fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing as we use such texts as ‘Tyrannosaurus Drip’, ‘Stomp, Chomp, Roar’ and ‘Munch, Crunch, Dinosaur Lunch’ as a basis for our writing. Children will continue to improve the quality of their writing by ensuring that they are consistently using expanded noun phrases and conjunctions in their writing. The children will also be encouraged to use commas, apostrophes for contractions and possession, question marks, exclamation marks and suffixes and prefixes accurately in their writing.

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