

Dear Parents,

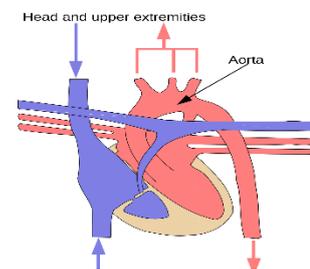
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Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2022 will be a healthy and happy year for all.

This term in our literacy lessons we will be continuing to focus upon our spelling with small group work taking place every day. We will also continue to develop our ability to vary our sentences, adding interest with different clauses, using interesting verb choice and descriptive phrases. Our non-fiction study will include journalistic writing styles and persuasive writing while in our fictional text we will study *The Viewer* by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan and *Saint George and the Dragon* by Geraldine McCaughrean.

In our science topics, Mrs Rogers will teach the properties of different materials and compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal), and response to magnets. We will recognise that changes to materials can be reversible or irreversible. We will also study the circulation system of animals and understand how diet and exercise can influence the health of the human circulatory system.



In history Mrs Philips will teach British Roman History and in geography she will develop children's map skills.

In DT we will complete our design of a torch and develop our ability to work with textiles as we make a pair of slippers. Our art topic this term will be to study sculpture and we will hopefully visit Broomhill sculpture gardens in March.

This term we will learn how spreadsheets are used in computing. We will create different graphs with spreadsheets and learn to create our own formulae to answer questions.

PHSE this term will be learning to keep ourselves safe when things go wrong. We will also learn how the media can manipulate images and that these images may not reflect reality.

Our RE study this term will be focusing upon Christianity while we consider 'What kind of King Jesus is', and 'Why do some people believe in God and not others'.

We will continue to have Forest School with Mrs Kent-Smith on Monday afternoon and A4A will be teaching KS2 twice a week (Monday and Tuesday) for the first half of term.



I have attached a timetable for the first half of this term.

Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child's time in Torridge class, either by asking for an appointment or via email.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Evans