



Rishton Methodist Primary School

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“Rise up ... take courage and do it” Ezra 10:4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. I hope you have all enjoyed your break and made some wonderful memories. I would like to introduce myself (Mr. Sean Steele) as your child's new class teacher.

Below is a breakdown of our learning for the Autumn One half term:

Maths – To start the year off, we will be exploring numbers to 1,000,000. We will be using the children's knowledge of place value and the bar model to make number patterns and to round numbers to the nearest 10, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. After this focus, we will be developing our addition and subtraction knowledge further. Choosing the most effective mental and written strategies for different calculations. At home, the best way to support their learning over this half term is to recap their timetables up to 12 x 12 - this will really support their quick-fire recall later in the year.

English – Where Once We stood by Christopher Riley and Martin Impey, will be our vehicle text for the Autumn One half term. This text will be used to develop our own exploration narrative and formal report.

History – In this unit we will learn how the Anglo-Saxon impacted Britain. Ranging from their use of coins and how place names today hold a clue to an Anglo-Saxon past. In addition to these, we will explore the development of houses from the Romans to the Anglo-Saxons. To finish this unit, we will answer the following enquiry question - How did the Anglo-Saxons change Britain?

Personal, Social, Health and Economics (PSHE) – We will explore what it means to be confident in who we are in our world.

Computing – Over the half term we will be focusing on developing our coding knowledge.

Science – We will be exploring different forces in science. Taking an in-depth look at gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.

More information on the other curriculum areas can be found on our school website.

PE - This half term our PE lessons will be on a Monday and Friday. A full PE kit is needed for your child to participate in these lessons. Earrings cannot be worn during PE for health and safety reasons, so please take them out before the school day or provide your child with plasters to cover them if they cannot remove them themselves. Also, any children with long hair must have their hair tied back.

Reading - In relation to reading, this half term we will be telling the children to read each weeknight. We are setting the expectation that all children read a minimum of two pages a night. This will be monitored in school. However, it is important that both school and home continue to work together to further develop your child's reading knowledge and a pleasure for reading. Your child's home reading book will be provided on the Active Learn software. If you do not have access to this, please inform me as soon as possible.

Homework - We will be providing homework on Education City. This homework will be recapping learning already covered, therefore allowing children to revisit this knowledge independently. Each piece of homework is due to be returned on each Monday and sent home each Friday, using the Education City web software.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You may contact me via the school office or talk to me on the school playground.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sean Steele

(Opal Class Teacher)

