Bridgewater Primary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday with family and friends. It's great to have all the children back in school, ready to take on the new term.

This half term, we will be changing the focus of our topic work back to history, finding out all about the first civilisation ever recorded in the world – the Ancient Sumer. They were living in what is now Iraq at a similar time to Stone Age Britain and were responsible for some great inventions. In science, we will be spending the whole spring term exploring materials. It's a huge topic with lots of fabulous (and messy!) practical work which I'm sure we will all enjoy.

In maths, we will be working on division and fractions - comparing, ordering and finding common denominators, followed by adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We will then focus on using all four operations to solve written problems. We are starting a new unit on non-chronological reports in English and will be looking at books such as The World of the Unknown Monsters and Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures, with the children ultimately writing a non-chronological report on their own monster/creature. Later in the half term we will read The Water Tower and write our own narrative stories.

We will have forest school sessions in the morning on Friday 16th January (Partridge) and Friday 23rd January (Quail). Please could you ensure that your child has their wellies, a waterproof and warm coat, hat and gloves in school for that day. Waterproof trousers and/or tracksuit trousers are also a great idea.

Young Voices is fast approaching! We are practising the songs in class and at some point soon will send home lyrics and a link to the songs for the children to practise at home too. Any encouragement you can give them with this will be greatly appreciated.

Here are a few useful dates for your diaries:

- Friday 16th January - Partridge forest school
- Friday 23rd January - Quail forest school
- Wednesday 28th January - Quail class assembly
- Tuesday 3rd February - Young Voices
- Thursday 12th February – Smartphone and Tech talk 7pm
- Friday 13th February - Half term usual finish 3.15pm

Many thanks for your continued support and enthusiasm.

Best wishes,

Sarah Roberts and Kate Majid