



Dear Families,

Welcome back and we wish you a Happy New Year!

This term is another busy term with the children working especially hard preparing for Standardised Assessment Tasks (SATs) and Global Rock. We have arranged a **SATs meeting** for families on **Thursday 31st January at 5pm** and a **meeting about our exciting France trip on Wednesday 13th March also at 5pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

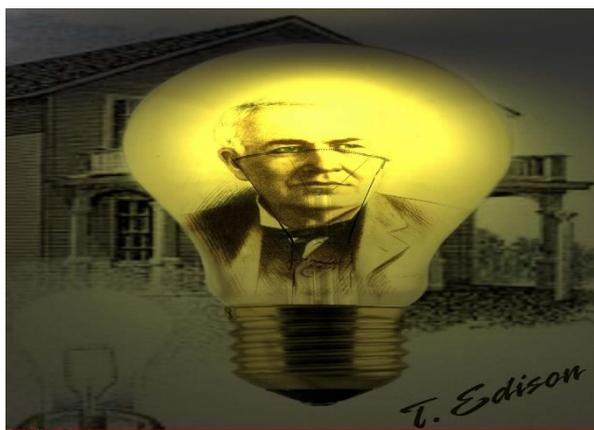
Our topic this term is 'Let there be light' where the children will have the opportunity to explore various aspects of light including looking at inventions such as the 'lightbulb' by Thomas Edison. We will look at how light is used in festivals and celebrations and develop our science skills too! The children should enjoy this particularly interesting and wide-ranging topic.

Easter celebrations will also take place this term.

In order to help your children fortify themselves for the learning, we would really appreciate your support with the following:

- rehearsing times tables and problem solving with your child
- reading with your child everyday
- rehearsing spelling and punctuation
- ensuring they go to bed at a reasonable time and have a solid breakfast
- encouraging your child to complete their home learning

Home learning is of vital importance, especially as the children will often be set pre-learning homework. As this homework is used to assess the children's understanding of concepts which have not been taught yet, they may well require your help to point them in the right direction. The amount of home learning may well increase towards the end of term, there will be a reward at the end of the term to celebrate the efforts of those who have completed every task, every week.



For children who still lack confidence, there must be a major push in the fluency of times tables and number bonds. For example, our children will be expected to recite their times tables up to 12 on a regular basis. A sound understanding of times tables is paramount in solving most mathematics problems and therefore these must be practised at home.

As well as ensuring our students are mentally prepared and confident, we will also continue to encourage children to stay fit physically. Therefore students must have suitable PE kit in school at all times during the week.

If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you for your continued support.

The Year Six Team

