

**Welcome Back**

I hope that you've had a wonderful and restful Christmas holiday and enjoyed your two-week break. Firstly, may I thank you all for the wonderfully kind gifts and cards that you gave – they were sincerely appreciated and enjoyed throughout the holidays. My children especially enjoyed the chocolates!

Over Christmas, I've been busy spending time with my family and doing lots of fun things. For example, I went ice-skating for the first time in what feels like forever! As tradition dictates, we also went to the panto at the Theatre Royal to see Peter Pan. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, I highly recommend it.

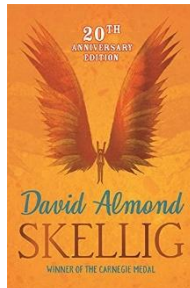
I've had time to myself (occasionally) and I've been able to watch Arsenal (the good and the bad) and progress through my book, which has been a real treat. As we return in 2025, we've got lots of great things planned – from Skellig to The Lost Words, we've got lots to come...



**What are we learning?**

*Our first topic*

In year 5 we're going to be reading a book called Skellig, written by a man called David Almond. It's a fantastic book – not quite as deadly and murderous as Beowulf but it's a brilliant story all the same. I know we'll love it!




**Home Learning**

**Handed out Friday – Returned Friday**

*Reading*

We will provide your child with books from school to read at home. Please try to read as frequently as possible and sign the relevant part of the reading diary – thank you in advance!

*Homework Book*

Each week your child will bring home their homework book along with some pieces of homework to complete. For example, each week spellings will be sent home along with a piece of Maths and English. The tasks will link to learning we have done in school that week (or have recently covered). Spellings will be tested on a Friday too.

**Highlights from last half term**

*Historians*

Last half term the children were exemplary in their behaviour when representing our school on a wonderful trip to Lincoln Cathedral.



The trip gave the children the opportunity to 'see' History in action. We were able to view historical artefacts, learn about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings past in Lincoln and marvel at the imposing Cathedral.



**Spring 1 Learning**

To find out more about what we are learning this half term, please see the reverse of this letter.



If you do have any questions or concerns that I can help with, please catch me on the playground and I'll do my best to answer them then and there.

