Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful break and have come back refreshed and full of energy for this term. We have a busy term ahead of us. Here is a brief outline of what we are hoping to do this term:

**English**

**Reading** – Our main focus will be looking at information texts. We will interpret the information through literal and inferential comprehension. We will analyse images and text features such as figures, tables, diagrams, maps and graphs. Group reading activities include guided reading, novel reading with activities and comprehension activities. I’ll be reading *The Floods* to the class this term.

Daily print walk activities will include vocabulary development, homonyms, figurative language and stereotypes.

**Writing** - We are studying poetry and procedures this term. We also revise narrative writing. Grammar skills are taught explicitly and then used as a focus for sentence of the day. Term 1’s skills including commas, capitals, full stops, speech marks, new line new speaker, spelling editing and exclamation marks will be maintained.

Spelling - We are continuing with spelling groups and activities. List words are changed weekly and focus on a sound of the week (but may use different letter combinations eg f and ph). We will be adding to our repertoire of word building rules.

**Maths**

The teaching will focus on applying multiplication and related division facts, investigation of number sequences, formal addition and subtraction methods. We will continue to practise our tables and basic facts. We will also be using written problem solving activities to extend the
children and to assess their ability to transfer knowledge. The activities will be reinforced through Maths Online tasks set for homework.

Science - Physics – Smooth Moves. Through hands on activities students identify forces that act at a distance and those that act in direct contact and investigate how different forces affect the movement of objects (Primary Connections). We will finish with an opportunity to design a catapult.

Homework Just a reminder that 20 to 30 minutes of homework is required most nights. Spelling words need to be practised each night. Maths Online tasks have also been set. Personal reading should also be maintained.