



# Stretton School

Independent Nursery and Preparatory School for Boys and Girls

Established 1969

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Dear Parents

Welcome back. We hope you all had a very good Christmas Holiday and New Year.

## Topic

Topics covered this term will include **The Ancient Greeks** and **Space**, so if you or your child has any information/books/etc that relate to our topic please feel free to send them in to school. Try to label anything brought in and if it is something precious remember to let us know so that we can take extra care with it!

## Science

This term we will be exploring electricity and uses for it, including making some models with working circuits. Please watch out for requests for materials, such as shoe boxes, cardboard tubes etc to help with this.

## Entrance Exams

A number of children will sit entrance exams very soon. We wish all children sitting entrance exams well. To best prepare, please help your child to have a good night's sleep beforehand and reassure them just to do their very best. Remind them that if something seems very hard then don't give up and try to give a thoughtful answer. If your child finishes something with lots of time left then remind them to check it over to see that it makes good sense.

## Spellings

We will test the spellings given out before Christmas this Thursday. Some of the challenge words do get difficult this term and if you find your child is struggling with them then please remember just to focus on the first set of words, which are typically those expected of all 6/7 year olds.

## Homework

It is important that children are all completing homework to a high standard, and all children should now be joining up their writing. Please take some time to check that your child is laying out their homework in a neat and tidy way using their best joined up writing.



## Reading

When reading with your child each day please ask them several questions about the story being read. Many of the books the children are reading have new vocabulary and more complex storylines, which children may need support to fully understand. Questions such as 'Why do you think...?' or 'How do you know...?' help them get practice looking for the clues that reading comprehension will test later in the year.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please do come in and speak to us. We are available most afternoons after school.



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