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Week 17,

We're already two weeks into the Spring Term and we have been trying to keep warm as the weather has been rather unpredictable; please make sure all of the children bring their coats to school (and return home with them)! We are ensuring they are wearing them during outdoor sessions to keep us all fit and healthy.

We had our first Ocean Maths sessions of 2025 this week, and it was a particularly important one for the Year 6 children as it was the last Ocean Maths they will have at Chase Side! The sessions for both Skelton and Castle Classes were very well attended by parents and the work completed covered important aspects needed in the build up to the SATs; thank you to all parents who attended. Next week we have Year 5 Ocean Maths sessions; **Sharman** have their session at **9.10am on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** and **Attenborough** have theirs at the same time on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**.

This week also saw the students celebrate aspects of the geography learning that we complete at school, with one particular skill in mind. Maps have long been a source of interest and intrigue and so every class this week had the opportunity to explore their mapping skills, allowing for the development in this area across the breadth of the school. The work will be on display for all of the children to see.

Yesterday after school, Year 5 organised another movie night for children in Year 1 - 6 to enjoy. It was extremely well attended by almost 150 children who watched 'Monsters Inc.', and the funds raised will go towards the Year 5 trip to Tolmers which will be taking place in June.

We had another of our new Coffee Mornings this morning, the focus of which this week was reading and what you, as parents, can do to support your children's development throughout their primary education. We will be holding Coffee Mornings every Friday, next weeks has a focus on the importance of a high percentage of school attendance with our Educational Welfare Officer as a guest visitor.

Next week is our RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) week, the content of which was shared with parents by Miss Scull at the information meetings last week. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the information is available on our website and you should receive further information regarding when the lessons will be taught in your weekly class e-mail.

A few reminders / important dates:

- Save the date! FOCS are holding a Bingo Evening on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 4pm – 7pm. Further information to follow.
- Year 3 are currently rehearsing their assembly which will be performed to parents at 9.15am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.
- Please ensure that your children are not bringing in toys / pencil cases / other objects from home; we do not want these items to get lost / damaged at school; it can lead to children being extremely upset.
- There is the possibility of a Parent's First Aid Course becoming available; please scan the QR code on the poster in the playground or speak to Ms Ray if you're interested.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend

Stronger Together,

Mr Hitchens