Last term we worked hard on our written methods of all calculations and this term we will be keeping our skills sharp by applying these methods in different problem solving contexts. We will also revisit themes such as symmetry, statistics, fractions and time and develop our understanding of them further. On Mondays Mrs. Lovell will continue to work on instant recall of multiplication and division facts, and children will also work on strategies for solving mathematical puzzles and investigations.

In Literacy lessons, we will be building upon the story writing skills that the children used so well before Christmas, and writing a new narrative text in a different context. The children will also be looking at information texts and writing some of their own. On Mondays, Mrs. Lovell will be working on developing spelling and grammar skills.

The children chose to study China this term, so we look forward to celebrating the Chinese New Year shortly and finding out about Chinese food, language and lots more. Our topics in science will be ‘Magnets’ and ‘Electricity’ and all three of these themes will be carried into other areas of the curriculum too.

A visit is planned for late in the term. Sadly the budget will not stretch to a visit to China, so it will be linked to our science topics instead!

Children are asked to work in a variety of ways at home and we would be very grateful if you could support them in this.

1. This term the children will be asked to complete a weekly quick maths ‘check up’ worksheet for homework. Tasks may be following on from maths activities covered during the week or sometimes revision of previous work so that skills are honed. Work will be given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please feel free to work with your children on these, and use the sheets as a starter for more discussion, but Mrs. Mason would be grateful if you could note on the sheet if your child needed lots of help from you.

2. Aim for instant recall of multiplication and division facts.
 Year 3 children need to know 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10 x tables.
 Year 4 children need to know all their x tables up to 10.

3. Continue to dip into Mathletics maths activities on the internet.

4. Learn spellings for a test on Monday with Mrs. Lovell or Miss Stewart.

5. Enjoy and share reading of a variety of texts including reading scheme books, but also library books, newspapers and any other appropriate reading matter. Children are encouraged to discuss their books with adults as well as reading aloud.

6. Occasional ‘one off’ research tasks, starting with a quiz about China which will come home as soon as we have started our new topic.

Thank you!