Welcome back to a new year and a new decade. Our topic this term is entitled “What does it mean to be great?” We will use the geography of the United Kingdom and Europe as a starting point. We will study British and world history thinking about how the Roman invasion and the Anglo-Saxon invasion changed the lives of those living in Britain. This will link to our RE topic entitled “What do different people believe about God?” To support our learning we are planning a day trip to Leeds on Thursday March 5th which will include a visit to an art gallery and a visit to a mosque. Our gallery visit will supplement our art unit of study based around the work of the artist Lowry and our mosque visit will be developed further in school through a workshop and assembly delivered by the Equilibria Experience Company.

In English lessons, we will be studying the novel “The Boy at the Back of the Class” by Onjali Q Rauf, whilst continuing to develop our grammatical understanding of sentences further. In maths, we will initially focus on place value and addition and subtraction but will also continue to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages.

### Outdoor PE kit
- Needs to be in school on Fridays
- Indoor PE kit on Wednesdays

### Music tuition
- Instruments need to be brought into school on Wednesday as usual.

All pupils will continue to have English/ spelling homework set on a Friday for collection the following Monday and will be given a maths task each Wednesday to support their learning of basic number facts. Please continue to support your child with regular reading at home. This could be reading aloud or discussing their book; it could be “you read a page and I’ll read a page”; it could be “read 5 pages and tell me what has happened in 5 sentences.”

If you have any queries about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to speak to any of us.

**Mrs Metcalfe, Mr Yeoman and Miss Addis**

### Diary dates
- **Friday 10th January** - Young Voices at Sheffield Arena
- **Monday 13th January** - Booster classes for Yr 6 begin (3:30pm to 4:30pm)
- **Friday 7th February** - Football Inspire Workshop with Mr Yeoman
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Safer Internet Day
- **Friday 14th February** - Sharing assembly
- **Tuesday 3rd March** - Parents Evening
- **Thursday 5th March** - Whole school visit to Leeds