Everyone belongs at Reay; we think creatively and have a thirst for learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half-term break! We have an exciting and busy half term ahead, filled with lots of learning, creativity and festive fun. Here is a little insight into what we will be getting up to.

In Literacy, we will be exploring the world of plays, with a particular focus on the works of William Shakespeare. The children will have opportunities to discover the features of playscripts, explore characters and dialogue, and develop their reading, writing and performance skills. We will be delving deeper into the fascinating world of the Tudors, learning more about this important period in history. We will also be exploring the lives and journeys of Tudor explorers, discovering their adventures and the impact they had on the world.

In Science, we will be investigating different materials and their properties. The children will explore what materials are made from, compare their characteristics and discover why certain materials are suitable for different purposes.

Our In Harmony music sessions will continue every Wednesday and Thursday. The children will continue to develop their musical skills, build confidence and enjoy making music together. PE sessions will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure children come to school prepared for their PE lessons.

We ask that you hear your child read aloud every day for 15 minutes or so and that you continue to read to your child every day for as long as you like. Afterwards, please encourage them to complete an activity in their reading journal, we will look at these whenever the children want to share their work and on their guided reading day.

For maths, please keep going over their times tables and number facts as frequently as you like – it really helps to keep them fresh in their minds so that they can easily access them when needed both in life and maths lessons/tests. Games like Hit the Button are perfect for helping your child to recall their number facts so please do encourage them to play for ten minutes every day to increase both their speed and automaticity.

As we approach the festive season, we will be busy rehearsing for our Christmas performance. The children will be working hard to prepare for what we hope will be a wonderful celebration of their talents and efforts. More information about the performance will be shared in due course.

We are also looking forward to enjoying a special Christmas trip together! The date is to be confirmed (TBC), and further details will be shared with you as soon as they are available.

It promises to be a fantastic half term, full of exciting learning opportunities and festive celebrations. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement.

Year 5 team