



GEMS Twickenham Primary Academy Newsletter

Principal: Mr. John Smith



Spring Term: Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful week, and are looking forward to the February half term holiday. Hopefully, you have a well-earned break with your children planned for and enjoy whatever lovely activities that you have scheduled.

This week, Year 1 had an amazing opportunity to extend their learning when they visited Windsor Castle - supporting their topic focus Knights and Castles for this term. Reception, have also been on their first Educational Visit of the year to the Polka Theatre. Thank you very much to our parents who supported us by attending the trips. As always your help and support was very much appreciated.

We have had a brilliant first half of the Spring term, and we are very much looking forward to the second part – especially **Science Week** where the children will be learning about different ‘journeys’ across the school! We also have our Year 3 residential visit to look forward to as well as the choir attending the Voice in a Million Concert.

As well as all of this, we have a special indoor planetarium visiting the school on 25th March! A busy term ahead!

Parking:

Thank you to all those parents who have been making the extra effort to **not park** on the designated roads (Colne, Knowle, Albion and Edwin). A reminder, that these parking restrictions do include before school (Breakfast Club), and after school also (Afterschool Club and Energy Kidz) activities. However, parents are allowed to use the school car park after 5:15 pm to collect from Energy Kidz. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

Mr Charles:

As you are aware, Mr Charles has been unwell for some time now, and has sadly made the difficult decision to leave Twickenham Primary Academy. However, he is going to come into school after half term to say good bye to all of us, and will continue to volunteer at some of our school events. Mr Matt will therefore take over the role of the administration assistant for the remainder of the academic year - supporting Miss Karen in the school Office.

Booking System:

The parent booking system seems to have gone down very well. A big thank you to Mr Matt and Miss Karen for the hard work behind the scenes in getting this ready for parents evening. If you do have any feedback about the system, please do email the school office.

World Book Day:

Miss Philippa has sent alongside the newsletter, a letter which explains in further detail the theme for World Book Day and the activities that we will be taking part in throughout the day as a school.

House Points: This house point treat will be an 'Easter Festive Treat!'

House	Points
Parks	721
Gandhi	838
Pankhurst	875
Shackleton	770

Attendance:

Just a reminder, in line with DFE guidance, that the school does not authorise any holiday. Thank you. All holiday is coded as an unauthorised absence on the school's register.

Year Group	Target (97%)
Reception	96.6%
Year 1	97.0%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.0%
Whole School	97.1%

Key Dates:

Monday 25 th February	All pupils return to school
Tuesday 26 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 28 th February	Parents Evening
Friday 1 st March	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 7 th March @ 6:00pm	Y3 Parents Residential Meeting

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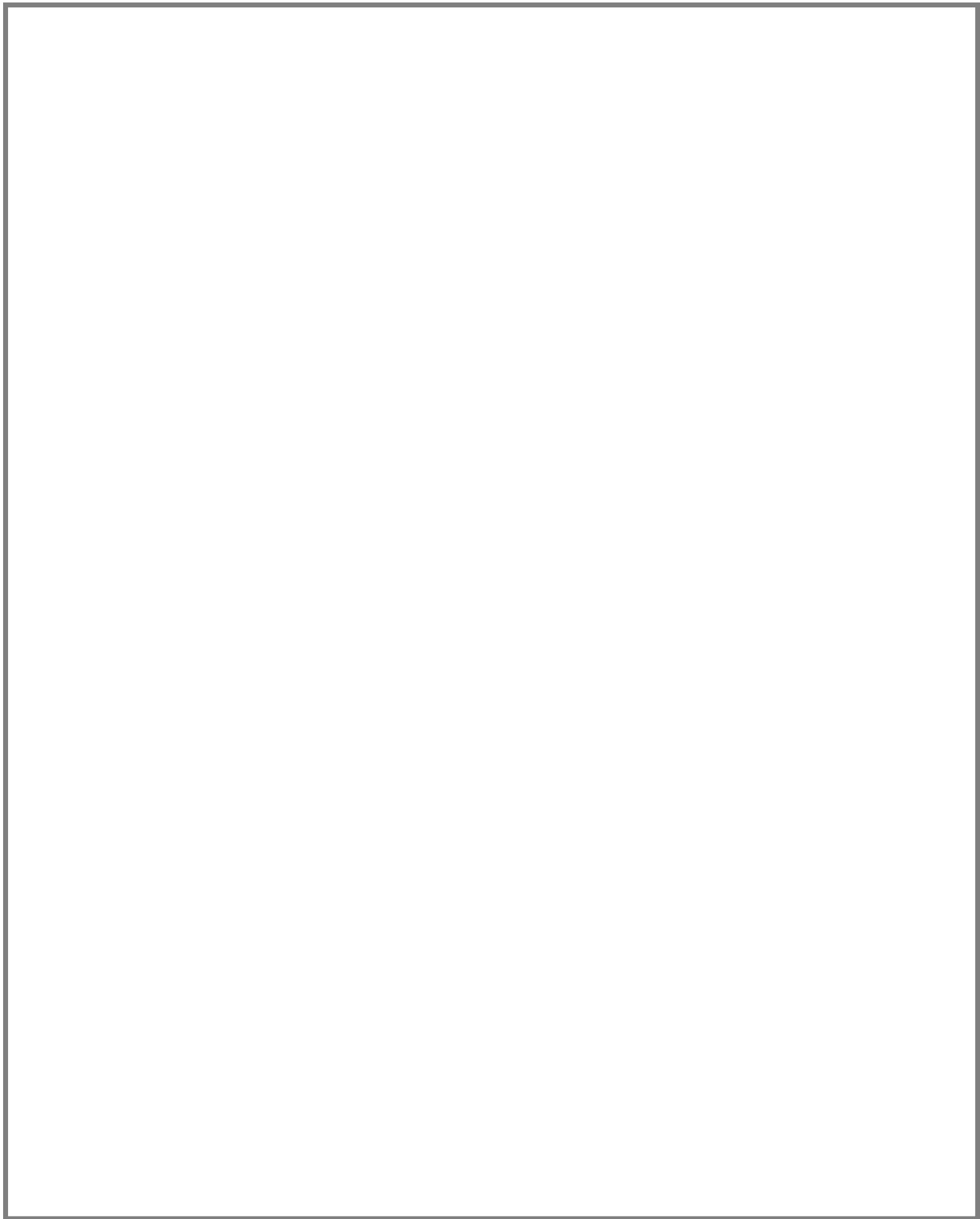
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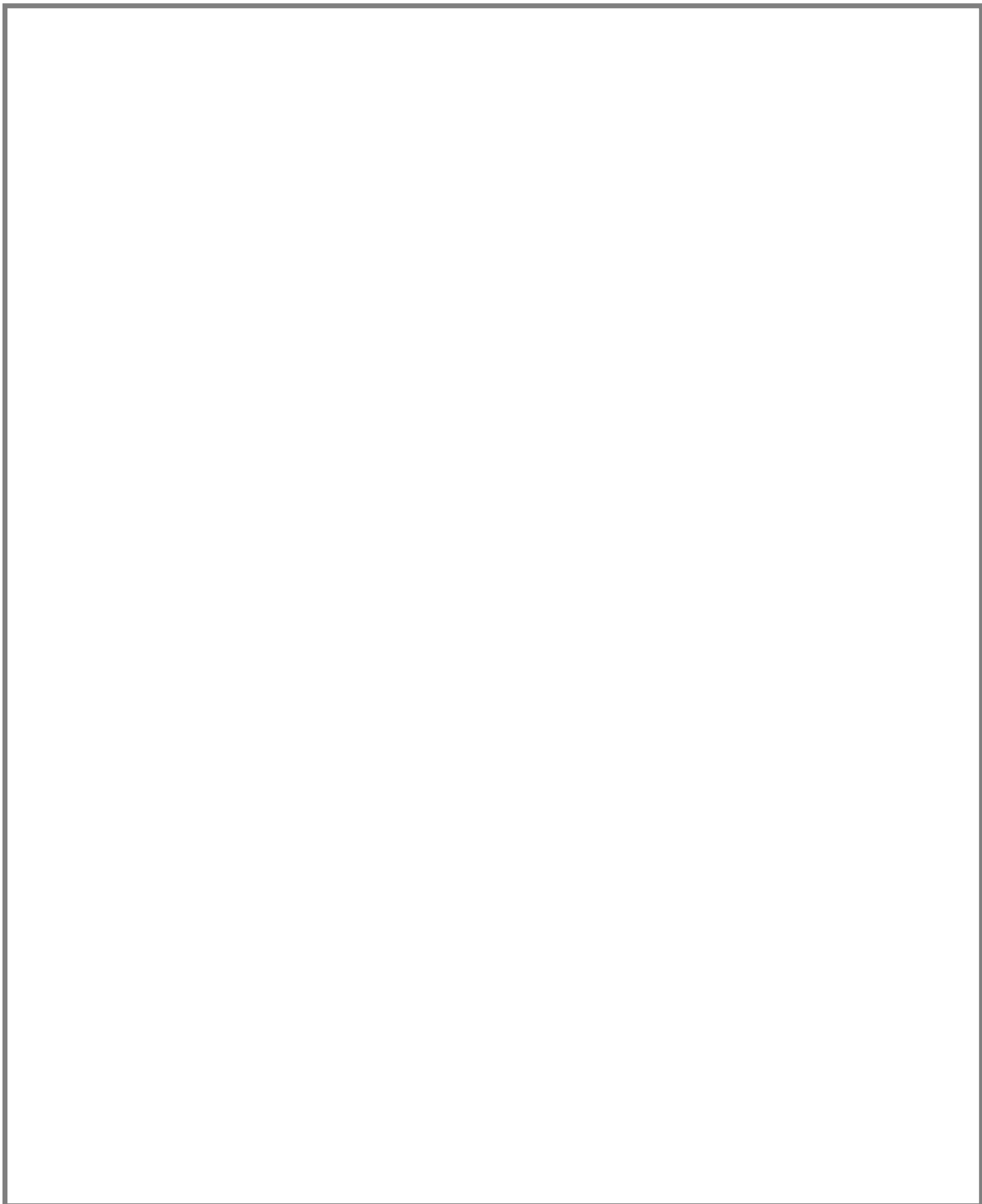
Principal's Question: For a house point on Monday after half term, please answer the question 'What did you most enjoy during your half term holidays?' Please hand your answers to your classroom teacher

Have a lovely weekend,



Mr John Smith
Principal







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