

# The Smartest Giants in Tankersley

5th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

This half term our new topic is Pirates.

This week in English the children will be introduced to a new text called The Story of Pirate Tom. The children will learn the story and add in their own actions. This will help them to plan their own story in a couple of weeks. Children will identify different conjunctions in the text and will learn their weekly spellings.

In Maths, we will be finding the missing number for addition and subtraction number sentences. We will also look at the link between addition and subtraction.

In art, we will be exploring water colour and the work of Emma Burleigh. In PSHE, we will be looking at road safety. In computing, the children will be exploring purple mash, using the keyboard and developing the skill of using the touch pad.

## Homework

Just a reminder that homework is given out on a Thursday and it is to be returned on Monday. Please ensure that you read with your child each day, new reading books are given out on a Friday and must be brought to school each day. We collect all reading books in on a Wednesday.

The children are given a reading token if they read 3 times a week. Either Mrs Beevor or Miss Bennison will give your child their token during their guided reading session.

If you have any concerns we will be happy to help.

Mrs Beevor and Miss Bennison

