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Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all, we would like to extend a warm welcome back and hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer holidays and the children are ready for their final stage in their primary school journey.

One of the main focuses for this academic year, throughout the school, will involve developing grammar skills. We will be continuing our approach to grammar teaching which involves an individual text book for each child and a weekly opportunity for children to review their grammar learning so it can be more deeply embedded and more easily applied in their daily work. Reading will continue to be at the heart of all learning and, as always, we encourage you to get involved with your children's reading by sharing and discussing their latest book. Just because a child is a fluent, independent reader, it does not mean they no longer need the valuable book talk which is so important that parents support their children with. Children will continue to have a home reading book which must be read 3X per week for 30 minutes and signed off by a parent. Reading books need to be brought in for checking on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We can not stress enough how valuable reading is for all areas of learning and is always the main reason behind a successful, switched on pupil and one who finds learning difficult.

In Numeracy we will continue to use our Power Maths course. We will be focusing mostly on place value, number and the four operations at the beginning of the term. Later, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then be moving on to look at the position and direction of shape during the second half of the autumn term and developing our reasoning skills. Children will continue to work on their Schofield and Simms Mental Maths books as these have proven to be an invaluable resource. Please make sure that your child is completing these tasks and if there is any help needed it would be best if your child brought in their book at the beginning of the week so that either their teacher or TA can go over any problem questions with them. These books will go home on a Friday and need to be in on Thursday of the following week at the latest.

In Literacy during the first half of the autumn term we will be focusing on developing our reading and comprehension skills by studying a range of different texts in order to understand themes and enhance inference skills. Our text that we will be studying is the fantastic *Holes* by Louis Sachar supported by a non-fiction text in whole class reading on Mexico. In the second half of the term, we will be reading introducing the children to dystopian fiction with *Where the World Turns Wild* by Nicola Penfold and our non-fiction text will be *Earth Heroes*. We will also be spending some time looking at the Roald Dahl classic, *The BFG*, in preparation for our visit to watch the RSC's Christmas show.

In Science we will be learning about Light Theory. This project teaches children about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction. In the second half term, we explore Electrical Circuits. This project teaches children about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols.

Our topic for the first half term is *Hola Mexico*. We will be investigating the Mayan civilization and also learning about modern day life in Mexico. At the end of the term, we will have a chance to enjoy a Mexican day which will celebrate *El Dia de los Muertos*. After half term, we will be learning about the topic of *Our Changing World* where we will study the impact that humans have on the environment and the human geography.

During this term the children will be having PE on Monday afternoon (indoor training and fitness) and a PE session on Friday (touch rugby). Please ensure your child is wearing a plain white T-shirt and black shorts or joggers. We are going to take advantage of the brighter days and begin with touch rugby but this may change to indoor sports if the weather does not favour us. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school in a warm outdoor PE kit on Fridays and they have a change of shoes to avoid bringing mud into school- rugby is a notoriously muddy sport! If your child has an after school football club they must come in uniform and change at the end of the day.



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In languages we will be learning Spanish as our topic is Mexico. Children will have the opportunity to learn basic vocabulary and phrases and how to use these in conversation. We will continue with learning Spanish until the new year when we switch to French reflective of how languages are taught in most secondary schools.

Art lessons will involve work an introduction to the 'Day of the Dead' Festival, where they will complete a series of lessons, investigating, designing and creating their own papermache masks. The unit will end with the children performing their own 'Death Dance'. Following that, our next topic will be exploring environmental artists.

Computing lessons will involve children learning more about what networks are, what they do and how they connect devices. The children will also consider the safety aspects of networks, including the possible positive and negatives uses of networks. After this the children will create a range of familiar graph types using the 2Graph and 2Calculate tools, exploring features that make it easy to present data in the best possible way.

Spelling lists will be sent out on Monday for a test the following Monday. The spelling rules and techniques for learning these words will be taught in class but it is important that these are practised regularly at home. The children will be expected to complete a page from their Schofield and Sims maths homework book which will be given out every Friday to be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Reading books will need to be read and signed at least three times per week and regular engagement with TTRS is expected. Throughout the term, the children will be given a termly piece of home learning which will be linked to our Mexican theme.

Information regarding parents' evenings will be released in due course and are planned for the beginning of the second part of the autumn term.

We look forward to a successful and happy year ahead of us. If you need to contact your child's class teacher please do so using the following email addresses:

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs Graver, Mrs Charman and Mrs Jones



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