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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all had a lovely, relaxing summer holiday and are ready for the new school year.

In literacy this term, we will be reading Varjak Paw and The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. These are chapter books which we hope the children find enjoyable. Throughout these texts, we will explore narrative plot, settings, and characters and draw inferences to develop understanding. Pupils will empathise with characters and explore their dilemmas. Pupils will be engaged with a story told through a mixture of narration, speech and visual imagery. Pupils will have opportunities to write in a variety of styles including, recounts, instruction writing, letter writing and narratives. There will be plenty of opportunities for the children to develop their own writing with story planning and descriptive writing including creative responses.

One of the main focuses for this academic year, throughout the school, will involve developing grammar skills. We will be adopting a new 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. Books and reading records should be brought into school every day and will be changed accordingly.

Weekly spelling tests will continue to take place on a Monday. Spelling lists will be emailed, every Monday. Paper copies will only be provided if they are requested. Please continue to support your child with learning their spellings.

In Maths, children will start out exploring place value. They will start off by exploring 4-digit numbers; followed by addition and subtraction, using a range of formal and informal methods. Later in the term, our focus will be on area of shapes and finally multiplication and division. Children will continue to work on their problem solving and reasoning throughout the term.

Our topic for the first half term is 'I am Warrior' which explores the rise of the Roman Empire in Britain. Over the term, we will learn about the founding of Rome, how the Roman Empire began, why it was so successful and the impact the Roman's had on Britain. Alongside our topic, we will read topic related non-fiction texts.

In the second half term our topic is Interconnected World. This is a geography skills based topic. Children will learn about grid referencing, compass points, the Tropics and the continents of North and South America. They will then move on to look at features of the UK such as canals and rivers and features such as the rail network.





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In Science, our first unit explores sound. Pupils will identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating, understand that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear and recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases. After half term, children will learn about electricity. They will identify which appliances use electricity in their homes and how to keep themselves safe. Children will construct circuits, start to create pictorial circuits and conduct investigations.

In PSHE, there will be a big focus on returning to school and helping the children to settle in. During the first half term, the children will discuss 'Being Me in My World' where they will learn about themselves and how they fit in. After half term, the children will focus on 'Celebrating Difference' where they will think about similarities and differences and being unique.

In R.E., we will explore the religions of Santana Dharma and Christianity this term. This half term we will focus on a series of lessons based around the enquiry question "Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani?". Next half term we will move on to considering "What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?".

Computing lessons will involve the children using Purple Mash, with a focus on understanding how to use the internet and search engines effectively. We will also consider the hardware involved in a computer and its role. After half term we will focus on animation. E-safety sessions will also be delivered regularly with the focus on staying safe online.

In P.E. this term, Year 4 will be learning how to play tag rugby and will be partaking in a dance unit with a Roman focus. After half term, we will be focusing on team sports. Please send your child to school in appropriate PE wear. **PE will be on a Tuesday for both classes.**

Math homework books have been sent home already. These will go home on a **Friday and should be returned to school by the following Thursday.** Children will be expected to complete at least 2 pages per week and the content aligns with their learning in class. Children are also expected to use Times Table Rock Starts (TTRS) weekly with a minimum expectation of 5 studio games. Half termly projects will also be set.

Should you have any queries, please email us:

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We look forward to an exciting term ahead and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Righton, Mrs Nero and Mrs Burton.

