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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely getting to know the children this week and meeting you all.

Each day, your child will be in class with Miss Jackson and Mrs Gardener. Miss Jackson will have time out of the classroom on a Tuesday afternoon, and during this time, the class will be led by Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Gardener.

### **Reading books and spellings**

Reading books will be changed each Friday. Each child has been given a book linked to the phonics scheme and the sounds we are learning. Year 1 children are beginning to learn Level 5 sounds and Year 2 are consolidating their phonics knowledge by looking closely at different spelling patterns. Reading is to be recorded in the children's reading record. This can be a note of the book read but also include any comments or questions you may have. The book and reading record should be in school **every day** as the children will be asked to read to an adult throughout the week.

Year 2 children will be sent spellings home on a Friday to practise throughout the week. These are examples of words containing the spelling rule we are learning. This will also include two common exception words from the week. The spellings will be tested the following Friday. Spelling books need to be in school **each Friday** to receive new spellings and check. Year 1 children will be sent home with the sound we have learnt each week to practise at home.

## **P.E.**

PE will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. **Please can children wear their full P.E. kit to school every Tuesday and Wednesday.** Please note that no jewellery is to be worn during P.E. and earrings should be removed before the lesson or will have to be covered with medical tape. Also, long hair will need to be tied back on PE days, so it might be worthwhile having a couple of spare hairbands in their bag just in case.

## **Topics**

Our big question for this term is: What if we were explorers? This term our history topic is about the Great Fire of London. We will be exploring the question: Why did the Great Fire of London destroy so much of London? We will also be exploring all things minibeasts in science reflecting on the importance of minibeasts and how we can conserve them? Please see the curriculum web and knowledge organiser for this term to see other areas of learning we will be doing. The children will also have independent 'Explore and learn' time to consolidate and further stretch their learning. We have a range of exciting and inspiring areas including small world, construction, art, role-play and an inviting reading corner.

### **A few reminders:**

- Please ensure **all** clothing is named.
- The children need to bring fresh water to school each day in a named water bottle.
- Please ensure your child is always dressed appropriately for the weather as we complete the daily mile and use the outdoor area daily, this includes sunhats, raincoats, winter hats etc. We will try and get outdoors as much as possible, whatever the weather!

I hope this answers questions you may have, please ask if you have any other questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Jackson and Mrs Gardener