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"Together, we will RISE"

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4 of the school year! I hope you have all had a lovely half term. The children have certainly enjoyed telling me about the lovely things they have been doing and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and excitement in returning.

Our value this term is Forgiveness and our two book hooks are 'Little Red Reading Hood' and 'Will you forgive me?' Please see the topic web, which provides further insight into what the children will be learning in each subject this term.

P.E.

P.E will be continue to be taught every week on a **Tuesday**. Please can you ensure that **your child/children arrive at school already dressed in their PE kit**. They will remain in this for the day and not need to change. This term the children will be focusing on net skills, with a particular focus on tennis so therefore be outdoors as much as possible. Below is a reminder of the required PE kit:

- White T-shirt and school jumper
- Dark joggers
- Trainers

Reading

Over half term we have updated our reading book collection and will be starting to send these new books home next week (Friday 11th March). Inside the cover of the book, there is a section that shows you what key sounds or tricky words are included within the book. Please do engage in checking these sounds with your child prior to reading in order to help them identify the focus sounds or tricky words when reading. It also includes It also gives comprehension, vocabulary and general reading guidance to support you in knowing how to best support your child read.

Once these books are sent home from Friday 11th March, I will also have updated each child's book allocation on the **Bug Club reading website** to match the phonic level of the book they are given. I will send home reminders of their login details for this along with the new books being sent out so that you can log in and engage in the online reading materials as well as the physical book each week. The more texts the children are exposed to regularly, the stronger fluency and comprehension they will develop.



Homework

Please do continue to engage in these **weekly homework expectations**. I check through homework weekly to see how the children are doing and I can really see the impact for children who are regularly completing their homework. A reminder of the weekly expectations are below:

- Maths form via Teams
- SPAG form via Teams
- My Maths task
- Reading as often as possible – ideally, daily!

Snacks

We have noticed that some snacks coming in to school could affect children who may have severe allergies and as such, please can I request that you check the snacks given to your child doesn't contain nuts.

We advocate healthy eating as a school and we do receive weekly supplies of fresh fruit or vegetables the children can have as their daily snack. Therefore, please don't feel you need to provide your child/children with lots of different items, one snack item is plenty before they have their breaktime!

Samba lessons

The children are absolutely loving their Samba sessions so far! It has been so wonderful to see the children so engaged in their music and really enjoying playing different Samba instruments and rhythms. We have 4 more sessions this term and I am currently arranging how we can showcase some of their learning with the tutor.

Student teacher placement

This term we will be welcome back Miss Hayward to the Class, who will be with us all of this term. Over the course of the term, she will be gradually increasing her teaching time and responsibilities.

As always, for any quick queries please do feel free to catch me at the gate, otherwise please do not hesitate to contact the office who will direct any emails to me as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Miss Allanach