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Dear Parents,

The Spring Term continues to be a very busy one and the children have settled quickly back into their daily routines.

This term, our topic theme is The Great Fire of London. The children will learn about the history of the fire and how it led to changes in the design of London. In Science, they will be learning about materials and use their knowledge to explore why the fire was able to spread as quickly as it did.

In RE, the children will focus on The Bible as a religious text.

The children will continue to have two PE sessions a week. One of the sessions will be led by our Sports Coach, Mr Kadiri. PE bags should be in school until half term when we send them home for washing. All PE will be indoors this term. PE kits should consist of: plimsolls, shorts and a white t-shirt. Please note that trainers are not suitable for indoor PE sessions. A reminder that girls with shoulder length hair should have it tied back for all PE lessons and ear-rings should be removed. Please can I ask all parents to check your child's plimsolls as their feet are growing and many are complaining that they are now too small. Thank you.

Reading continues to be a high priority in Key Stage 1. As part of their Homework schedule, we expect the children to be reading at home on a daily basis. Research shows that 10 minutes reading a day benefits not only the children's ability to read fluently but it also develops their vocabulary power as well as promoting reading for pleasure. Please remember to discuss your child's books with them as this will help to develop their comprehension and inference skills. Children in Year 2 should also be given opportunities to read independently.

Each class has a box for placing books in once they need changing. All children should be re-reading these texts as this will continue to develop fluency, sight reading and understanding. We ask that each time you hear your child read at home, you record this information in their Communication Book. For example:

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September:

Floppy's Arctic Adventure. Read pages 5 to 12. Needed a little help with ..... (Parents initials)

Thank you.

I will be monitoring reading and the children's Communication Books over the next few weeks.

Year 2 children should also be completing ReadTheory tasks and Times Tables Rock Stars as part of their Homework schedule on a regular basis. At the end of this letter, if your child is in Year 2 you will find their log-in details. By the end of the year, all Year 2 children need to know their 2x, 5x and 10x tables as a minimum.

Year 1 children would benefit from practising recall of their number bonds to 10 and 20, as well as counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10.

It would also be beneficial for all children to be learning to tell the time as this is a very valuable life skill and many children are now wearing watches. Thank you.

All children should be practising their weekly spellings at home too. These are sent home via their 'Weekly Spellings' books.

A reminder that snacks for break time should be either a plain biscuit or a similar healthy snack. Please can all parents ensure that the children are not bringing anything containing chocolate, cake or crisps. Fruit is provided every day for all the children in Key Stage 1. Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure about the suitability of a snack. Thank you.

We are always looking for volunteers to come and help across the Phase. If you think you can help in anyway, please speak to your child's class teacher initially to express an interest. All volunteers need to complete a DBS check before they can help. Thank you to everyone who already helps with hearing the children read. We are also looking for someone to help on a regular basis with cooking.

Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at this term's Parents Evening which will take place straight after Half Term. All children have recently brought home a letter regarding appointments.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Price

Victoria Clewlow-Miller

Emily Cave

Rebecca Dunford

Clare Wilson

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Year 2 children only.....

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TimesTables Rockstars -

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