

Dear parents/carers and children,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter and got to soak in at least some of the warm weather while it lasted! I am glad to be back at school and to have your wonderful children back as well.

Topics this term include:

This term we will be looking at 'Magical Mapping'. We will be exploring different types of maps, how to use them, what they tell us and even creating some of our own! The children will get the opportunity to use an atlas, compass and a globe. After half term, we will be moving on to looking at the 'Great Fire of London' where they will be learning about what happened, how it happen, key people involved and generally about what life was like in the 17th century.

In Science, we will be learning about plants and how they grow. The children will be doing some planting, observations and recording their findings. They will also, hopefully, be venturing out into the nature reserve to get a closer look at some real, growing plants!

In Literacy, we are honing in on our reading and writing skills. The children will be writing some descriptive pieces, having a go at creating a non-chronological report, writing a recount based on their experiences with the chicks we are temporarily taking in, and much more. They always read on several occasions throughout the day and will continue to do so to support their fluency, comprehension and accuracy.

In Numeracy, we will be learning about measuring in cm and m, comparing lengths, and solving problems involving measurements. They will also be looking at position and direction; time; mass, capacity and temperature; and weight and volume. As we are in our final term, we will also be recapping all of the topics previously learned to refresh their memories of this year's learning.

P.E. again will be twice a week and will remain on a Monday and Wednesday. The children will be continuing to learn how to play cricket for a few more weeks each Monday, and will be learning how to play tennis for the term every Wednesday. **Please can children continue to come in to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.**

In addition to this, we will still be doing RE, Computing, Music, PSHE, Art and DT.

For homework we are asking that you hear your child read throughout the week (ideally every day!). Please ask them a question about what they have read to check their comprehension. In addition please continue to learn weekly spellings and times tables. These will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

I am always available to discuss any concerns or answer any questions after school.

All the best,

Miss Oliver and Mrs Riddaway