

Welcome Back to Term 2!

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful break and are feeling refreshed for another exciting term of learning. The children settled into school life beautifully last term, and I'm looking forward to seeing them continue to grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence over the coming weeks.

Important Information

PPA on Tuesdays:

On Tuesdays, **Ricky Stevens**, our headteacher, will be covering the class while I am out for my PPA time.

P.E. on Fridays:

P.E. will take place every **Friday**, so please make sure your child comes to school in the correct kit (comfortable clothing, suitable footwear) and brings a water bottle for hydration.

What We'll Be Learning

English:

This term, our writing will be inspired by a variety of engaging texts, including *Latke the Lucky Dog*, *Rama and Sita*, *Freedom Soup*, *Oskar and the Eight Blessings*, and *Dear Santa*, *Love Rachel Rosenstein*.

We will focus on **narrative writing**, exploring story structure and descriptive language, as well as **instruction writing**, where pupils will learn to write clear, step-by-step directions.

Maths:

Our maths learning will build on previous number work and explore **number and place value**, **statistics**, and **numerical operations**. Children will develop their confidence in handling data and using numbers in practical, meaningful ways.

Science:

This term's topic is **Animals Including Humans**. Children will learn to identify and classify common animals such as **fish, birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians**. We'll also explore **herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores**, comparing their features and habitats through hands-on investigations and observations.

PSHE:

Our PSHE theme is **Valuing Difference**. We'll explore what makes each of us unique, how to show respect and kindness to others, and ways to build and maintain positive relationships. Activities will include discussions about friendship, feelings, and acts of kindness.

Art and Cooking:

In art and cooking, we'll continue developing creativity and fine motor skills. This term's cooking projects include making **lemon laddoos, date and orange crescents,** and **latkes,** tying in with our cultural learning in English and R.E.

Computing:

Children will develop their digital literacy by designing and decorating a **digital card cover,** practising basic ICT skills safely and creatively.

R.E.:

Our R.E. focus is **Celebrations.** We'll be learning about a range of religious and cultural festivals including **Diwali, Holi, Ramadan and Eid, Bandi Chhor Divas, Vesak, Hanukkah,** and **Advent,** helping the children appreciate the diversity of traditions around the world.

Music:

Using *Charanga's* "Rhythm in the Way We Walk" unit, the children will explore beat, rhythm, and movement through music and song.

Also in the class, **Mrs Turner** and **Miss Dancer** will be on hand to support the students throughout the day. We're all looking forward to another fun and productive term together.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,
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