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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer holiday.

In English, we will be using a range of poems to explore poetic devices with a specific focus on personification. The children will be using their knowledge and skills to create some poetry of their own. In addition, we will begin the amazing story *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. We will use this superb text as a vehicle to explore the poetic works and art of William Blake as well as Hogarth. We will analyse language, theme and structure in order to continue our journey around the social injustice of this time and begin to consider how Dickens' work is still relevant today. The children will also be writing narrative, creating character, atmosphere and action through predicting the story we are reading and writing a narrative of their creation. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).

In Maths, in line with a mastery curriculum, we will focus upon revisiting, securing skills and develop understanding using both mental and written methods. Times tables revision will take place every Monday morning. Areas to be studied are: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction: Mental Strategies +/-, Number Problems +/-, Multi-step Problems +/- Multiplication and Division.

In our Guided Reading sessions, we will use a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry to develop and secure skills in reading and comprehension, as well as speaking and listening.

In Science, we will begin our work with Space and the Solar System, exploring details of the planets, how the solar system, works as well as phases of the moon.

In PSHE we will continue to consider how to develop our understanding of friendship, as well as begin to tackle ideas around learning and our approach to it.

In PE, we will be following the REAL PE curriculum, which aims to develop the whole child in all areas of physical education and this term we will be focusing on cognitive development, thinking about personal space, movement and strategy. In addition we will also be doing Yoga. PE sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. **Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing.** If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform us in writing or tell us personally.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of both Maths and a writing or research homework as well as 10 new spellings per week: to be tested on a Wednesday morning.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see us.

Yours sincerely,

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