11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term. We look forward to continuing to work with your children in the spring term. Communication between home and school is vitally important and we are always happy to discuss issues with you. Mornings are a busy time as the children come into school, so please arrange to see us after school unless it cannot wait until the end of the day.

Curriculum
Our topic this half term is Marvellous Materials. During this topic we will be focusing on the properties of materials and how they change. We will also look at how different materials can be separated and we will observe how materials react when they are mixed together. After half term our topic will be The Really Wild Show. During this unit we will learn about the life cycles of animals, insects and birds. We will also talk about the reproduction of plants and animals.

Homework reminder
- Maths homework is given out on a Thursday to be handed in on the following Wednesday. This will be set on My Maths or DB Primary.
- English homework is given on a Monday to be handed in on Friday.
- Spelling patterns to investigate or topic vocabulary to learn are usually given out on a Monday to also be handed in on Friday.

Reading reminder
Each classroom has reading racer charts to ensure the children read a range of genres. Your child is expected to read at least twenty minutes every day with an adult. The children are expected to keep an updated record of their reading in their Reading Diary and this is collected in and checked every Thursday for Mr Troughton’s class and Friday for Mrs Hydes’ class. The children need to ask an adult to sign their reading diary each time they hear them read. The date, page number and a brief comment needs to be made.

General Reminders
- Children should have their P.E Kits in school, including a tracksuit, at all times.
- They should also have their Reading Diary in school every day.

Family Assemblies
The proposed family assemblies for this term are as follows:
- Mr Troughton – Wednesday 6th March 2019
- Mrs Hydes – Friday 8th March 2019
Visits and other exciting things
We will be visiting the Science Museum in London on the 21\textsuperscript{st} January. A letter will follow shortly with reminders about the day.
During the first half term the children will be making muffins. They will choose their own fillings and will each make six muffins. We will send home a letter about this shortly.

P.E Days
This term both classes will have indoor P.E on Tuesday and outdoor games on Thursday.

Mr Troughton and Mrs Hydes