

7 November 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after our short break. I hope you all had an enjoyable one and made the most of our lovely weather!

### PE

PE this half term is indoors and lessons are on Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Thursday. The children really enjoyed the rugby scheme of work last half term and this half term we look forward to developing our gymnastic skills. Your child will need an indoor PE kit which should include shorts and a t-shirt. Tracksuit bottoms are not suitable. Please could you ensure that your child has their kit in school at all times (particularly if your child attends an additional sports club) and that they are clearly and permanently labelled.

### Home reading books

Your child reads with an adult in our guided reading sessions at least twice a week and our reading assessment is rigorous and detailed. Your child's reading level is constantly under review and therefore they will be informed when to take home a book from the next colour basket. In the meantime, please encourage your child to choose books that are challenging but enjoyable from within the appropriate colour band or any band leading up to their current reading band.

### Topic

Our main curriculum focus is history and we will be studying Guy Fawkes and the Gun Powder plot. This will include an exciting theatre production and workshop day taking place in school on 18 November. More details will follow. Please see the curriculum overview for more details about the topic.

### Spellings

Mrs Hargraves will continue to send home new spellings on Friday and assess the children on the following Friday. Please continue to support your child with their weekly spellings – it is wonderful to see that some of the children are beginning to transfer their knowledge of high frequency words into their day to day writing!

I am looking forward to meeting you all again at the forthcoming parent meetings.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Shingler and Mrs Hargraves