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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to another exciting year. The weather was kind during the summer and it was lovely to receive so many postcards from the children sharing their adventures. This was a homework task so I would still welcome any more. We are looking forward to new friends joining us in class 2 as they make the step up into KS2. Everyone is ready to build a strong bond that will ensure our learning journey is a real partnership.

Our first main topic will be 'The Railway Revolution in Britain' which is a completely new part of the curriculum for all of us. We have already begun to investigate how the first railways had a greater impact on lives than even the internet has today! An exciting visit to the National Railway Museum in York has been booked and details of this will follow in the coming weeks. We will be learning through research, role play and creative experience.

Alongside this, Years 3 and 4 will be investigating 'Healthy Living' as our science focus. The children have become personal trainers to some clients who wish to improve their lifestyles. Our new knowledge has already had us questioning our own diets! Years 5 and 6 are busy investigating forces around us; a topic which will also link with the visit to York. They will also be embarking on 'Mission Forces' tasks for the Natural History Museum.

If any of the children want to bring in any books from home on these topics they are most welcome (please name them).

Our curriculum also covers the following:

English (Year 3/4):

- Historical Stories (3 weeks)
- Significant Authors (2 weeks)
- Recounts (2 weeks)
- Instructions and Explanations (2 weeks)
- Choral and Performance Poetry (2 weeks)
- Narrative Poems (2 weeks)
- Grammar, spelling and punctuation

Mathematics (Year 3/4):

- Number and place value

- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division
- Shape properties
- Data
- Worded problems
- Investigations

Science (Years 3/4):

- Healthy Diet
- Food Groups
- Vertebrates and invertebrates
- Human skeleton
- Working Muscles
- Lung capacity
- Working scientifically

History:

- The Industrial Revolution
- The first locomotives
- Changes in transport for industry
- Changes in travel for people
- The impact of the railways on life for Britons
- London Underground

Geography:

- North East England
- Locations of the first railways
- OS maps
- London Underground map

RE:

- Belief in the Community
- Christianity, Buddhism and Islam

Computing:

- E safety
- Internet
- Email
- Logo

Art and Design:

- LS Lowry
- Landscapes and cityscapes
- Mixing paints
- Views from a railway carriage

Music

- Songs for the Harvest Festival
- Don't Stop Believing

PE

- Street dance
- Netball/bench ball

PSHE

- Friendship
- Getting on and falling out

French

- Food and the café
- Travel and transport

We shall begin new homework books in class 2 as they were a wonderful reflection of the hard work your partnership provides to support your child's learning. Our new year 3 children will bring home a book with an explanatory note in the front. Homework will usually be given on Friday and be expected back early the following week. Spellings and times tables will soon be tested weekly, greatest success will reward those who regularly practise at home. Maths and English homework will be given to support class work, reinforce methods and allow for independent research.

We are restarting our caterpillars on their journey up the sunflower. Please support your child by hearing them read regularly and signing in their record book; it really does make a difference. Both books should return to school daily.

Our new guided reading time is 9:00 to 9:25 each day. If any parent or carer is able to offer a regular day to hear readers at this time it would be greatly appreciated.

As careful as we are to cover uniforms during art sessions, it would help us greatly to have some extra painting protection if anyone has old sleeved shirts which could be donated to the class.

Most children have arrived with smart new P.E. and games kits. Please note that sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays and both indoor and outdoor kits may be needed. As always, indoor shoes are essential too.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Trueman, Mrs Cattle and Mrs Bushell