

# Class Letter

September 2018

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the summer holidays, I hope you and your children have had a lovely, restful break!

**Settling In** – We have lots of activities planned to help your child make a smooth transition into their new class. There is a team of friendly adults supporting children's learning throughout the day - Mrs Heron, Miss Claxton, Mrs Walton and myself, Ms Tregellas.

We will be doing lots of SEAL work, thinking about new beginnings, and what we want to achieve this year. The children will be given new table groups but will also have lots of opportunities to work together. We are also doing a lot of work on how we would like our classroom environment to be and how we can all work together to make a happy classroom.

**Topic** - This half term our topic will be The Great Fire of London. We will be learning all about London during the fire and thinking about how it has changed over time. We will be linking this topic to as many curriculum areas as possible with history, DT writing and art.

Please see overleaf for more details of what we will cover this half term.

**Reading** - As always, regular reading at home is essential to support your child's learning. Please can you ensure that children's books and reading records come to school in their book bag every day, whether they need changing or not. It is important that children have their books with them so staff can regularly check children's reading in school and comment in reading record books

**P.E.** Your child will need a **P.E. kit** to be kept on their peg. *Please make sure this includes a T-shirt, shorts and a pair of pumps or trainers that fit.* We will be doing P.E on **Mondays and Fridays** and hope to get outside as much as possible, therefore pumps or trainers will be essential. **Please make sure that the kit is named;** so any misplaced items can be returned to the owner straight away. It seems unlikely, but you would be surprised how clothes seem to end up at the opposite side of the classroom from their owner!

**Volunteers** Guided reading will be every morning from 11.30 – 12.00. If you feel you would be able to help out with this and are able to listen to a group, it would be much appreciated. Please see me if you are interested in helping; training is available if required. During the year we will also be providing opportunities for families to come into the classroom and work with children as we feel this has a really positive impact for the children and allows families to continue to see what we do in school.

As always, if you have any worries or queries, please don't hesitate to ask; I am available most days after school, apart from Tuesdays and Wednesdays when we have our staff meetings.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Tregellas