Hello and welcome back to Spring 2. The children came back all refreshed and ready to learn. They were super at entering school through the new entrance.

A number of things to draw your attention to this week:

**Academy** Way back in November 2017 we were involved in an OFSTED inspection that wasn’t very good. Since then the school has moved forward massively. However, at the time we were told that we would have an 'Academy Order' placed upon the school. This means that the school would be forced to become academised, taking us out of the Local Authority. It was a no choice matter. No consultations would take place, an appropriate academy chain would be found for us. Well today we have become an academy. We are now part of the DRB Ignite Multi Academy Trust. I have been working with the trust for the last six to eight months in preparation for this day. This is the same academy chain that Princethorpe Infants are part of. Will the school change its name? NO. Will it change its uniform? NO. You will not visibly see any difference. The school has become part of a trust that is supportive in ensuring children have the best education and outcomes that it can. This is all that I have ever wanted since taking over in September 2017. So today is Happy Academisation day!!

**Safeguarding** On the back of the newsletter is the latest online trend. I am aware that children are talking about it. Please read the national advice and ensure that you keep your children safe. This new challenge is a complete myth, however it is disturbing to many of our children.

**New Topics** As it is the start of a new term it means that each year has a new topic. Year 3 - Flow, Year 4 - Misty Mountain Sierra, Year 5 - Allotment and Year 6 - Hola Mexico. I look forward to seeing the work that the children produce over this half term.

**ARE YOU READY?**

We still have children not bringing the correct equipment, so please can you ensure the following

1. **Come to school on time.**
2. **Bring your reading book, planner and PE kit.**
3. **Have the correct uniform on.**

**House points**

- Sapphire 6191
- Ruby 6122
- Emerald 5660
- Amber 5906

**Year 6**

Today is a really important day for all in Year 6. All children will receive confirmation of their place in secondary school. I hope that everyone receives one of their preferred choices. The next step is now to wait for the letter and return the acceptance of a place directly to the secondary school.

**Football**

Congratulations to our Year 5’s and 6’s that represented the school this Wednesday. One significant win and a close defeat was a great effort. Thank you for representing the school so well.