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Dear parents/guardians,

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I hope you all had a lovely summer break, I know it doesn't take long for it to feel like a distant memory! The children are already beginning to settle into their new classroom and routines easily and are showing huge enthusiasm towards their learning.

Our topic this term is 'On the Move', which is the same as Year 2. Already the children have been sharing their knowledge of this topic. Here is a brief outline of our areas of study for this topic and term:

- **Science:** We will explore materials and their properties. We will observe Seasonal changes.
- **Geography:** We will explore compass points and learn about the countries of the UK and the Continents. We will design and use maps too!
- **History:** We will explore some pioneers of aviation and space travel. We will also look at how travel has evolved, and we will visit Beaulieu Motor Museum. Although, it is a long day it has been an excellent trip to really see the differences in vehicles from the past. Separate letter already sent.
- **Design Technology:** We will design, make and evaluate a moving vehicle.
- **Art:** Children will complete colour mixing. They will explore the work of the artist Mondrian and create a piece of work in his style. They will learn a variety of sketching techniques.
- **Religious Education:** Understanding Christianity: We will focus on 'Creation' and the question 'Who made the world? The second half term we will explore 'Incarnation' and the question of 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'
- **Computing:** We will begin by discussing internet safety and then progressing onto learning about the importance of collecting and representing data.
- **Music:** Watch this space! Mr Jefferson will be teaching music and singing .
- **Physical Education:** PE kit is required in school for Monday when children will learn to dance with me and Wednesdays when they will be taught by Aspire.
- **French:** with Mrs Byers.
- **Forest School:** Children will continue their Little Woods Forest School sessions with Miss Channon. (There will be two groups who will have 6 sessions each- letter already sent)

In addition, maths and literacy lessons will be linked to our topic work when appropriate. The children will have regular phonics lessons (commencing on the 11th September), as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school.

Homework:

Reading: You can help support our work in reading by listening to your child read as often as possible, preferably each day. Our aim is to improve children's confidence in reading. If, when you listen to your child read, they are doing lots of 'sounding out' and lack fluency, takes turns to share the book and model fluent reading to them. I will be encouraging children to mark off every read at home or in school on a chart so they can become a super reader. We have a themed superhero display in our book corner and will be rewarding the children with reading certificates as they progress.

Spellings: The second half term, I will send home 5-8 words a week which we will be focussing on in class. It would help children's confidence if you can practice with them at home. I will also send them via Seesaw.

Maths: Please sing counting songs, talk about everyday maths as you walk to school (house numbers, counting the stairs when going to bed, shapes they can see) and play board games. These all-help children to recognise number in a variety of forms.

Seesaw: Codes for Seesaw -sent on 5th. I will send reminders of trips/events and any spellings, other small tasks and general updates of our learning via Seesaw. If your child wishes to upload any work they are extremely proud of and want to share that would be wonderful. I will check it twice a week- Monday & Friday. You will need to upload the new code. I shall send a test message on Friday.

This year, the children are very lucky to have Miss Glen as their teaching assistant, who is already known to them.

I look forward to meeting you all at parents evening in October, in the meantime should you have any questions you can catch me any afternoon, except Tuesday. Alternatively, please leave a message for me at the office and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Once again, I would just like to say how confident your children are in their new classroom. It has been delightful watching them explore their new surroundings.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Hurrion