



Monday 4th September 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to BLOCK ONE. This topic will be over a BLOCK of 10 weeks which will finish on Friday 17th November. This will give us a wonderful amount of time to explore the brilliant topic: 'Bright Lights, Big City'. Put on your best outfit because you are invited to have tea with the Queen. What do you know about England's Capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Step back in time to discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? Are you ready for the bright lights of the big city? Hop in a black cab and...enjoy the ride!

In English, we will be learning to write information texts about London, re-telling the story of the Great Fire of London and writing letters as Samuel Pepys. In Maths, we will be securing our knowledge of place value, learning to tell the time, exploring written methods for calculation, solving puzzles and, in Year 2, becoming masters of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables!

Our class book will be 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl and this will link to many aspects of our learning in the classroom.

Home Learning Changes: For parents of last year's Year 1 pupils, you will be familiar with the format of the NEW grid. All children (Y1 and Y2) have been given their grids today and the expectation for this block is that every child will complete the maths, key words and spelling activity for that week. These short tasks will be repeated a minimum of 4 times across the week and the boxes ticked accordingly. These will be collected with the Reading Logs on a Monday.

For TOPIC HOME LEARNING, please select one of the options from the bottom of the grid to be completed by the end of the block.

Reading: All pupils have taken home a NEW reading log today. All children need to read with an adult at home and an adult needs to sign each box. These need to be in school every day. Every Monday, a member of staff will collect the logs and check these have been kept up to date. Please come and ask if you have any questions about this. This will be covered in the New Class meetings next week.

Darwin and Nightingale class meetings will be held on Thursday 14th September 2017 3.10pm – 3.30pm we would like to see as many of you there as possible. If you cannot attend, please come and talk about the key information which will be covered by the class teacher.

**PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday in Darwin class
Tuesday and Wednesday in Nightingale class**

Please ensure your child has a PE kit with them every day as there may be occasions when these days will change.

Spelling lists will be sent on a **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. For this first week they will be going out today!

YEAR ONE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 29th September. Stay and Play will be held in Kingsley and Redgrave classes 1.45pm – 2.45pm. All Year 1 parents are invited to join us for this session.

HELP NEEDED! If you are able to hear children read in either class during an afternoon, please see the class teacher or ask Mrs Bridgewater at the school office.

If you have any questions, please come and ask.

Many thanks

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