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Dear Family,

Welcome back to all of our pupils and their families! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and we wish you a Happy New Year! The children have come back to school in high spirits and have shown that they are eager and ready to start the new term!

Curriculum

For the Spring Term, our whole school project theme is: **Creation**. The enquiry question that we will be answering in Bumblebee class is: **How does history influence the future?**

In history, the children will be learning about the changes within living memory in The City of London as well as The Great Fire of London.

In geography, the children will be learning about the human geography of a city, developing their locational geographical knowledge of the UK as well as continuing to develop their geographical skills, including using compass skill.

In RE, the children will answer the enquiry questions: **Why do people have different views about the ideas of God?** And **How do Jews celebrate Passover?**

In art, the children will be learning about and developing their own art inspired by flora and fauna.

In computing, the year 1s will be learning basic computing skills through Paint and Word, before moving onto online safety. The year 2s will be learning about online safety before moving onto creating their own digital art.

In English, we will continue to develop our creative writing, as well as covering spelling, punctuation and grammar objectives through the books Ossiri and the Bala Mengro and The Lonely Beast.

Maths will be taught separately and will focus on key skills, such as place value, addition and subtraction, shape and measurement.

In Science, we will be learning about the topic, 'Everyday Materials'.

Bumblebee class will continue to have PE on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on those days please. Children should wear their school shoes to school, and bring their PE shoes to change into on those days.

Reading books

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Thursday. For some groups, this will be weekly. For groups that are reading 'Fluency Books', this will be every two weeks.

Please ensure that your child has their reading record and reading book in school every day.

The children will also be able to change their interest book every Friday, and will also have the opportunity to visit the library and change their library book from our newly refurbished book selection!

Homework

You will soon receive the Homework Menu for spring term. Please choose 2 activities to complete each half term. You can upload a photo onto Seesaw, or bring a completed piece of homework into school. The children will continue to be tested regularly on their number kit targets and will continue to receive weekly spellings, which will be tested on a Friday.

Please ensure that homework books come into school every Friday.

We also encourage the year 2 pupils to continue to practise on Times Table Rock Stars. The Garage game is the best suited to each child's individual targets.

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office, or catch us at the classroom door at the end of the day.

Best wishes,

Mrs Jo Firman and Mrs Rachael Farley