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Dear Families,

Welcome back to our first term of the new academic year! It has been lovely seeing the children and getting to know them as a class.

The **Skylarks teachers** are:

Ms Freya McLaughlin (Monday- Thursday)

Mrs Jasmin Wright (Friday)

Supporting the class at different times will be Mrs Cheryl Winter, Mrs Gemma Frost and Mrs Sarah Mayes.

Equipment

The items that your child will need for school are a full water bottle and a packed lunch (unless they are having a school dinner). There is no need for pencil cases as all equipment is provided, but if your child would like to keep a small pencil case in their bag for art activities, they are very welcome to do so.

We would ask that all toys, fidgets and personal belongings are kept at home. A small number of children find fidget tools useful, but these will be provided by the school and kept in the classroom.

Skylarks will also need weather appropriate clothing- a waterproof is particularly handy at this time of year, as we still tend to go outside for breaktimes if there is light rain.

Our **PE days** are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Pupils can come to school in their usual polo shirt and school jumper with dark coloured shorts/ tracksuit trousers and trainers.

This term's curriculum

Our termly project is **Unity**, and we will be exploring this theme across the curriculum.

In English, we will be reading **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane**, the beautiful story of a china rabbit who is separated from his owner and thrown into an unfamiliar and hazardous world.

Our Maths lessons will be covering the topics: place value, addition and subtraction, length and perimeter, and multiplication and division.

Science is taught in separate year groups. Year 4 will be studying **Rocks,** then **Forces and Magnets**. Year 5 will be learning about **Earth and Space** then **Properties of Materials**.

In Geography, we will be investigating **Where does our food come from?** and our History topic later this term has the focus of **Would you prefer to live in the Stone age, Iron age or Bronze age?**

Our design and technology project this term is **Eating Seasonally.** In our art lessons, we will be completing a **Festival Feasts** project.

Our music lessons will be based on the singing skills of the Royal Opera House and improving our percussion techniques with bucket drums. Finally, in ICT we will be learning about **online safety** and how to code using **Scratch**.

Reading

Sharing a book with a child, whether that is reading to them, hearing them read or discussing books, is the most important thing families can do to support a child's education. Reading is central to school life and your child should have started bringing home a book this week. They should aim to read every day at home and we would ask you to read with your child at least three times per week.

Some children (unless they are free readers) will have a '**book band'** book at their level, which will help them gradually build up their vocabulary and reading confidence. They will also have a '**reading for pleasure'** book, which is something purely of their choice. This can include chapter books, graphic novels, information books, picture books or comics. Please could they have their reading book in their bags as we will use these regularly.

We have a well-stocked class library which the children can access in any registration time to change their books as needed. We will also visit the school library on a weekly basis.

Homework menus will follow later this week.

We look forward to working with your children over the course of the year. Please get in touch if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Best wishes,

Ms Freya McLaughlin and Mrs Jasmin Wright (née Smith)