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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new academic year for Lapwing Class! Firstly, we would like to thank you for your thoughtful and generous gifts at the end of the summer term. They were very much appreciated and helped to make an excellent start to the summer holidays. In this letter we would like to give you some information about our learning and routines.

Topic

Our topic focus this term, for both Little Egret and Lapwing Classes, is *The Great Fire of London*. While all children will be learning at the age and level appropriate for them, we will link our work to this topic wherever possible. For example, in History we will learn about the Tudor period and in Citizenship we will learn about fire safety. We will write age-appropriate information texts about the Great Fire.

We are hoping to build replica Tudor houses from cardboard and would like to ask parents to **bring in any spare cereal boxes** or other cardboard that may help with this project.

Homework

Homework will usually go out on a Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. It will typically consist of a short focussed task, such as a grammar worksheet, as well as spellings, Mathletics and reading. Mathletics login IDs will be stuck into the back of homework books. We have found it an excellent resource for developing maths skills. The short focussed task and the spellings will also be stuck into the homework book. Reading books and reading diaries will come home in a separate plastic wallet. Please could these wallets 'live' in your child's school bag. That way it will be available every day at school and at home. Please aim to read with your child every day and note your reading in the reading diary (even if you've been reading non-school books).

Parents keen to complete homework over and above what is set will find Mathletics and the reading diaries excellent resources. The website <http://www.timestables.me.uk/> is a great resource to support learning times tables.

PE

Our PE days until half term will usually be Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, we recommend keeping your child's PE kit in school every day so we can be flexible and respond to changes in the weather or timetabling. Kits can go home at the end of every half term – or weekend if you prefer. If any PE kit becomes particularly dirty before this time, we'll let you know.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, do get in touch with us at school. We believe that learning is most effective when it is a partnership between school and home. The children have made a great start to the term and we are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Yours sincerely
Mr Houston and Mr Dyer