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Dear Parents

Welcome to the new academic year, it is lovely to have you back and we hope you had a lovely summer holiday. In this letter I would like to give you some information about our learning and routines.

Topic

Our topic focus this term, for Year 1, 2 and 3, is *Great Britain and Northern Ireland*. We will be exploring the fundamental British values as well as learning about the Geography and History of these nations. We will even experience our own street party! This will give us the opportunity to look at famous British artists. There will be links between our Topic lessons and our PSHCE and Science work on humans and identity.

Homework

Homework will be given out on Thursday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Mathletics and Spelling Shed login IDs will be stuck into the back of homework books. We would encourage parents to use Mathletics and Spelling Shed as much as possible. Research shows that completing just three tasks a week leads to improved progress in maths and spelling. Children earning over 1000 points on Mathletics in a calendar week are celebrated in assembly and rewarded with stickers and house points.

Children will regularly be read with in school during our Guided Reading sessions. Please return their reading folders to School on Mondays. When you hear your child read at home please write a comment in their reading diary.

PE

Our PE days until half term will be 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 are already working hard. We are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bedding and Mrs Jones