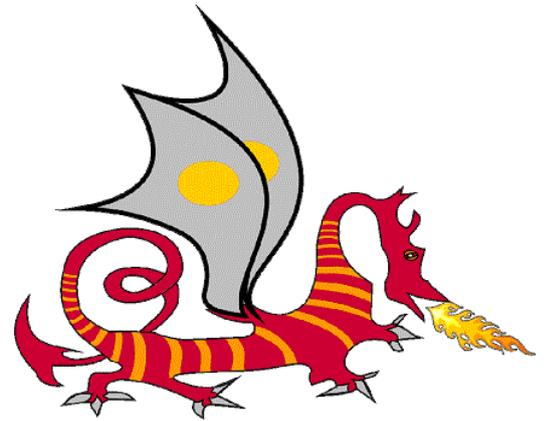


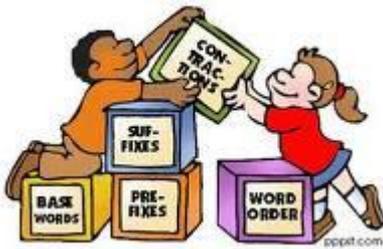
Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful and restful holiday and are looking forward to the start of the new school year.



This term our focus is mostly on developing new routines, skills and attitudes as we move on from very play-based learning in Foundation to more structured learning typical of 'big' school! Opportunities to 'choose' activities will be built into a more formal daily timetable. Many of our lessons will be familiar to the children, but we will be introducing some new learning too.

We will continue with daily phonics lessons, working with adults and children from year 2. We will also be starting handwriting lessons,



developing a system and style being introduced across the school. All of the staff received training on this during the recent teacher days and you will receive a paper-based overview to help you support the development of letter formation at home. We

will also be starting regular grammar sessions in addition to our normal literacy sessions.

As before, there will be a mix between individual reading and guided group reading. Please hear your child read as often as you can at home and write in their diary to indicate that you have. We will collect the diaries in daily and check for any messages from home. Other homework will soon be joining part of your family routine. We use a web-based program called My Maths and a topic led activity grid for weekly homework. Once we have settled into our daily routines I will introduce the children to homework and



send home more information about this.

Our PE day is on a Wednesday so your child will need his/her kit in school on this day, although it is good practice to have it in school all week just in case. We get another chance to take part in the LCFC football training like before. I will let you know when it is our turn.

We are welcoming two new members of staff to our class: Miss Amy Gibson will be a full time teaching assistant in class and Mrs Helen Vanes will be teaching the class during my release time for the first half of the autumn term until Mrs Carey returns from her maternity leave. Please make them welcome.

Finally, in addition to all of that, our topic this term is 'All About Me' where we hope to answer the question: what makes me special? This is a great cross curricular topic that includes Science, History, Geography, PSCHE and Art.

As always, please get in touch if you have any questions, otherwise I'll see you at Parent's Evening on 6th/7th October.

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