Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another term. I’m looking forward to all we have got planned for the next few months!

This term we will be **Swimming on Monday** and will have **a PE session on Tuesday**. Children can continue to wear their PE kits to school. Class 3 will continue their **Forest School learning with Mrs. Rankin on a Thursday** and are welcome to bring a suitable change of clothing for their outdoor sessions. Children still require a pair of indoor shoes and a pair of outdoor shoes at all times.

Clarinet lessons have not changed this term, so the children still need to remember their clarinet and any relevant sheet music on a **Thursday. Please encourage your child to practice at home.**

Please can I remind all pupils and parents that one small pencil case with the essentials (pencil, pen, ruler, rubber) is all that is required in school. The children have plenty of equipment available. This avoids disappointment if items are lost or broken and stops children becoming distracted during lessons. Any unnecessary or large items will be sent home.

This term in English we are completing a unit of work that focuses on debating skills and vocabulary. This is a collaborative project that many schools across the local area are participating in. We will then be putting our skills on show and displaying all that we have learnt in a formal debate with other schools at Farlingaye High School. We are also going to be reading Cosmic by Frankie Cottrell-Boyce as this links to our Space topic in science. This term we are learning all about our Solar System and we are hoping to have a special visitor and have the opportunity to do some ‘real-life’ stargazing.

In maths we are focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. I highly encourage the children practise their times tables at home as speedy recall and solid understanding of fact families is invaluable during this unit. Again, I’d like to remind parents and pupils that all children have individual log ins for My Maths and Times Table Rockstars in which relevant homework is set weekly.

We are very busy this term and we are studying history and geography topics! In history we are learning all about the Romans and will cover their arrival in Britain, lifestyle, laws and the judicial system, what it was like for Roman soldiers, architecture and of course the rise and fall of Boudicca. In geography we are learning about the Americas. We are focusing on the different human and physical features of the countries within the Americas and using geographical knowledge to describe the characteristics and significance of the natural wonders of the Americas.

In PSHE we are completing our ‘money matters’ unit and will be learning how to budget by planning a party. We also have Internet Safety week coming up and Children’s Mental Health Week.

In computing we are learning how to use the program CadTracker and we are going to be making 3D images and animations.

In music we will be learning about the style of minimalism which will enable us to develop our listening and notation skills. We will then go on to look at different styles of improvisation.

In French we will be learning how to introduce and talk about ourselves, before learning key vocabulary for classroom objects and lessons and how our experience compares to children in French classrooms.

Miss Mee