

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that you enjoyed your time spent together over the break and that the children are rested and ready for another busy, but fun new term.

Below is a synopsis of the topics that will be covered this term:

### Science

Teeth – we will be naming, looking at their functions and how to best care for our teeth. We are also hoping to have a visit from a local dentist.

Rocks and Soils – we will be comparing and investigating properties of different rocks and soils. Children will discuss and make conclusions about how this affects their uses.

### Geography

Weather around the World – a fascinating topic that covers climate patterns and the effect of weather on human activity.

### History

Significant People– we will be learning about some inspiring individuals this term, including Neil Armstrong, Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale and David Attenborough.

As always, we would be very grateful if you could kindly send in any information, artefacts, leaflets, books or postcards you may have to contribute to our lessons. Please ensure these are named.

Finally, a few housekeeping reminders:

- Swimming will continue to take place on Monday mornings, starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of January. Please make sure that your child arrives promptly before 8.55am and brings a towel, swimming costume, swimming hat and goggles on this day. Please label everything clearly with your child's name. It would also be most helpful if girls could avoid wearing tights on this day.
- Our P.E. slot is on a Tuesday morning and the children will go to Coram's Fields on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing and footwear on these days.
- The library slot will be on Monday. All children can borrow a library book and it will be changed fortnightly.
- Due to timetable constraints last term there was no time for '5 facts'. However it will be commencing this term on Friday afternoons. When it is your child's turn, we will put a sticker in their reading diary.
- Spelling Tests will still be held every Friday starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January. The spelling books will come home on this day. Please make sure they are back in your child's folder on Monday.

Best wishes,

Sophie and Charley

