



18th September 2017

Dear parents and carers,

I am very pleased to welcome all the children back as they join me in Ladybirds class. I am looking forward to us spending another great year together, building on everything we learnt last year with some exciting new topics. We are starting with 'Space Quest', which will link together lots of our learning in different subjects. We have already begun designing our own aliens and describing them, whilst recapping our sentence writing skills. You will be able to see more of what we will be covering this term in our topic web on the school's website.

PE will continue to be held every Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to send your children to school in their PE kit on a Tuesday then that is fine, as long as they have their school uniform to change back into. Can I also remind you that the school PE kit is a white shirt and black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms, with black tracksuit top in the colder months, and children must have their earrings removed on these days. Children should also have white socks and trainers rather than plimsolls. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to please write their children's name in their clothes.

I will be sending spellings and homework home every Friday in the children's new homework folders. This can then be brought back in by the following Friday, when I will collect their homework and we will have a class test on the spellings. In their homework folder you will also find a spelling homework book. This is for you to practice the week's spellings with your child. They have all already had books sent home and, as last year, there is a tray in the classroom to put finished books in that I will then change. I would ask that you try and make the time to read with your child at least 3 times a week. Also, any questions you can ask them about what they have read (e.g. what might happen next/ how characters might feel/ what their favourite bit in the story was) will really help to develop their comprehension now that they are in year 2.

I am very much looking forward to working with you all during the coming year and I hope we can work in close partnership. If you ever wish to meet me to discuss anything then please just arrange a meeting with the office or speak to me so that we can arrange a time that will suit us both.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Joy