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Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a great Easter and a lovely break. The children have returned to school eager to learn with lovely tales of their holidays.

The topic for this term is called 'Once Upon a Time'. The term has a focus on Plants and Traditional Tales. The children will be growing different plants and vegetables, and devising their own investigations. They will also be taking part in an inter-group Sunflower growing competition.

As discussed at Parents' evening the children will be completing the end of KS1 statutory tests this term. These will be taking place week beginning Monday 21st May. They will be completed over a 1 week period. Could you please make sure your child is at school during this time.

Towards the end of the Summer term the children will have the opportunity to go on a one-night residential to Beeston. The children will visit Beeston Castle and have many adventures at the Beeston centre.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with reading at home and maths challenges. We will continue to check reading diaries daily and to test children routinely on their maths challenges. If you feel your child is ready to be tested on an area of their maths challenges please let us know by writing a brief note in their reading diary. Children in year two are expected to have completed all their maths challenges by the end of the academic year. This is to ensure that they know key number facts by heart, and can use and apply them to practical tasks and in arithmetic.

The staff working with your child this term are: Mrs Ozturk, teacher (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Stewart, teacher (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), Mr Robinson, teaching assistant (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday), Mrs Lindsey, teaching assistant (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), Miss Hadfield, full time teaching assistant and Mrs Akers, Pupil Premium assigned teaching assistant.



If you have any questions or wish to speak with either Mrs Stewart or Mrs Ozturk please feel free to approach us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ozturk and Mrs Stewart



English

Classic Poetry - The children will be focussing on The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear.
Explanation texts- We will be learning all about the different features of explanation texts. We will be linking this to our science topic about plants.
Traditional stories - We will be reading a range of traditional stories. We will base our story writing around Jack and the Beanstalk and Jack and the Baked Beanstalk by Colin Stimpson.

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Textiles- We will be looking at the work of Mary White who focuses on plants. We will be making a patchwork throw for the reading corner.

Computing

We Are Zoologists- The children will be investigating bugs and creating branching databases. The children will also be creating graphs and taking digital photographs.

History

The Great Fire of London - The children will learn all about the events of The Great Fire of London. They will learn all about Samuel Pepys and the impact he had on how we live today.

Science

Plants- We will be learning all about plants. We will be planting beans using Hydroponics and having an intergroup Sunflower growing contest. We will be investigating the best conditions to grow plants.

P.E

Over the Summer term the children will be developing their athletics skills. They will be focussing on their running techniques and their jumping and throwing skills. They will be also be taking part in a range of team games designed to improve teamwork.

Maths

We will continue to develop all areas of the maths curriculum. This term will continue to focus on applying our knowledge and our mental calculation skills. We will be thinking about how we can use what we already know to solve problems systematically.

Year 2

Summer term 2018

'Once Upon a Time'

Religious Education/PHSE

Jewish stories and celebrations
The Children will be learning about Shabbat, how Jewish people live and how this is different to our way of life.