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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! Your children have made a great start to the year and have coped fantastically with the notoriously tricky transition from Reception to Year 1. This term, we will continue to build on this progress by gradually introducing more formalised, whole class learning in the afternoons. We are looking forward to taking the next steps on our learning journey in this busy and exciting term! As many of you may know, Sarah Margea who was teaching Class 1 on a Thursday has now left to begin her maternity leave. Therefore, for the rest of the year we are very lucky to have Kate Stuart teaching Class 1 every Wednesday.

Topic: Our topic this term is ‘What if we were explorers?’ with our accompanying English book being ‘The Snail and the Whale’. This topic will act as a theme for learning across all areas of the curriculum. Any additional learning based on our topic done at home (research, art, trips etc) is always much appreciated! For more information on this, please see the attached curriculum map.

Homework:

Pick and Mix Homework: Their new homework is in their orange homework book inside their home learning folders. As with last term’s homework, this is optional and is designed to help you and your child share learning together in a fun and creative way. Children can bring in homework at any point throughout the term to be shared on a Friday. This will replace our weekly themed show and tell from last term.

Rockets: We will continue to issue Reading and Spelling Rockets for your child to practise at home. These spellings will continue to be tested on a Friday. Their ability to read these words is also an important one so please practise this skill with them as well. Your child will also be coming home with a new Fluency Fish today which will be tested at the end of next term.

Reading: Reading with your child at home is a key way to help support your child’s learning so please continue to do so and note this in their reading records, ideally at least three times a week if possible. We will continue to swap their school reading books every Friday but in the meantime anything that takes their interest is great for them to practise with. A huge thank you to those parents who have offered their time to read with our children in school – it is much appreciated. We are always on the lookout for more parent readers so please speak to me after school if you are interested.

Please can all reading books, records and rockets be returned to school every Friday so they can be swapped.

PE: PE lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Monday’s session will continue to take place outside and we are lucky to have a Forever Sports coach leading PE sessions inside on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child has full PE kit in school for both of these days.

Nativity: For our shared nativity performance with Class 2, your child will be part of the Christmas choir. For this children will need black trousers/leggings and some sort of Christmas / sparkly top or jumper. It is a little way off but hopefully this gives you plenty of time, however if there are any problems with this we will of course be able to provide your child with everything they need.

Important Dates:

Friday 6th December: Christmas school fair @ 3.30pm.

Tuesday 10th December: Class 1 and 2 nativity @ 6pm.

Tuesday 19th November – Wednesday 20th November: Parents' Evening. (Timing slips were sent home with children last term, however, there is also a list of the timings in the class window if needed).

On a personal note, I would like to say thank you to you all for being a part of the reason I have been made to feel so welcome at St Peter's. As you can imagine starting my first teaching post was a daunting one, but I thoroughly enjoyed my first term here and you and your fantastic children are a huge part of that!

As always, if you would like to discuss any of the information here in further detail, or have any questions about anything at all, please do come and speak to me after school.

Best wishes,

Holly Weir