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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy but exciting 6 weeks.

English:

This term we will be reading the book 'Paddington Bear'. The classic story of the bear from Darkest Peru who arrived at Paddington Station with nothing but a suitcase, a half-empty jar of marmalade and a label that read, 'Please look after this bear. Thank you.' Mr and Mrs Brown discovered him, named him Paddington and welcomed him to their home, where he has lived ever since.' The children will be exploring this text over the term leading to them innovating their own narrative stories as well as completing a non-fiction piece of writing around the book. The children will also be using the book to answer comprehension questions during their afternoon guided reading slots.

Topic

Our enquiry topic this term is 'What would it be like to go to London?' The children will be looking at geographical features of London and comparing them with Peru. They will look into human and physical features that different places have and will also extend their knowledge of continents and countries. Please ask them about their learning each week. In science they will be looking at plants and carrying out experiments on growing cress.

Spellings and maths homework

Please continue to practise spellings and number facts as these greatly help your child with their reading, spelling and recall of number sentences. The children must know their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of Year 2. Little and often practise is the best way to make this easier both for yourselves and your child. Please remember to have a go at some of the Pick and Mix homework and if there is any further support you would like at home then please do ask Mr. Hunt or Miss Welsh.

PE

The colder weather is still about so please ensure your child has black or blue jogging bottoms and outdoor trainers in school, as we will be outside for PE on a Monday. Do make sure trainers still fit! PE days are Monday PM, Outdoor(Basketball) and Thursdays PM, indoor.

Mr Thurston will be in class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at present and Mr Hunt will be in class on a Thursday and Friday. If this arrangement changes then of course we will let you know. Miss Welsh will also be working with the class during the week. If you ever need to see us then we are always happy to meet with you at the end of the day if there is anything you wish to discuss. Have a great term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hunt, Mr Thurston and Miss Welsh