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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break. The children have returned to school ready to get back to work. Please note, there will be another slight change to the weekly teaching structure this term. Miss Welsh will now be teaching the class on Tuesday afternoons.

Topic: Our class topic will take the form of a whole class enquiry question; 'what if wolves were reintroduced to the UK?' This question will act as a stimulus for cross-curricular learning linked closely to our class text of 'Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman. For more information on this, please see the curriculum map attached which details our learning for this term.

Homework: The Pick 'n' Mix homework has been sent out alongside the newsletter. As ever, these are optional and intended to help engage your child with our class topic. Last term, we all enjoyed an afternoon where the children shared their homework with the class. It was fantastic to celebrate their hard work and I was really impressed! This term, children are invited to share their pick 'n' mix on **Wednesday 1st April**. A reminder text will be sent the day before.

Please note, spellings will now be issued and tested on a Thursday. Please ensure your child brings in their homework book on this day so they are able to stick in their new spellings and practise them at home.

Times tables: We are still testing times tables twice a day using a chanting recall method. This term, we will be focusing on seven and eight times tables. Well done to those children who are regularly using Times Tables Rock Stars and winning the hotly

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contested certificates on a Friday! Please encourage your children to use Rock Stars regularly as it has a huge impact on quick times tables recall.

PE: Weekly Swimming lessons will resume on Friday 6th March. As of next week, the children will also have indoor PE on a Wednesday (Real PE). Please ensure your child continues to bring full and correct kit in with them each week.

Reading: Please continue to read with your children at home as often as you can. We suggest **at least 3 times a week**. This helps children develop not only reading ability, but skills across the curriculum. It is also important to check understanding and discuss what they have read.

Thank you to all our parent/carer helpers. Your time is invaluable to us and makes a huge difference to reading progression in the class! Our refreshed collection of banded reading books will be back in school soon so normal parent helper reading can resume. We can always do with more so if you are interested please speak to the office directly.

If you would like to discuss any of the information here in further detail, or have any questions, please do come and speak to me after school. If you would prefer to meet more formally, you can arrange a meeting through the school office.

Best Wishes,

Alice Gulliford & Sarah Nelmes