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Dear Parents/ Carers

The children have all settled brilliantly into their new term. It is lovely to see how independent and polite they have been from the outset. They have already grasped the routine of the day. During the week, we have Parent/ Carer Activity mornings on a Monday and Thursday, you are welcome to attend.

Our work is based around a different Topic either each term or each half term. We usually have one topic during the Autumn Term due to Christmas Play Rehearsals and all other Christmassy activities. Each term/half term you will be given a Topic Flyer, which will contain information on the topic and a class timetable. Additionally, it also includes ideas to support your child's learning at home. The topics are carefully chosen to ensure a broad curriculum and engage the minds of young learners. Children are often very keen to share their learning or toys from home; we do encourage that these are linked to Topic where possible.

Each week P.E is included in the timetable. P.E days in Hedgehog Class are usually on a Monday and Friday. There may be some weeks where this is changed. We are very lucky to have CSF (Community Sports Foundation) PE specialists who deliver P.E on a Friday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit at all times. P.E kits can be left in school for the week and then taken home on a Friday for washing.

The activities in the classroom are set up to reflect different areas of the Curriculum. We assess learning in a variety of ways including Tapestry. We continue Tapestry from the Pre School Account and these have been transferred to Thurlton Primary School. We will add observations in both Reception and Year One. It is really important to us that Parents/ Carers also engage with Tapestry. Please add in learning from home and/ or comment on the learning at school.

On a weekly basis, we do send a home learning activity home; again, these are linked to learning in class. If you are ever unsure, please do ask either Mrs Crisp or myself. The home learning is given out on a Friday and if these can be returned the following Wednesday to ensure that there is sufficient time for staff to provide feedback. Reading, Sentence Books and Spellings are also sent home on a regular basis.

Henry Hedgehog and Max the Maths Monkey (the class cuddly toys) also like to visit different homes over the weekend. Henry Hedgehog likes to join in with regular activities whereas Max likes all things maths based. Again please return these by Wednesday of the following week so their adventures can be shared with the rest of the class.

We love to celebrate all of the children's achievements whether it is within school or at home. Different ways that we celebrate include lots of praise, stamps on their stamp cards (when they receive ten, they get to wear a medal for the day), Celebration Assembly and Wow Moments. Wow Moments can be filled in by Parents/ Carers when a child achieves something amazing for example riding their bike without stabilizers for the first time and then these are shared with the whole class and displayed on the 'Wow Moment Board' in the classroom.

We endeavour to enable the children to show their learning in lots of different ways and these include Come, Look and Share afternoons and Class Assemblies. You will be notified of these dates on a regular newsletter. We also hold regular Parent/ Carers evenings and send out mini reports so that you are informed of your child's progress. However, if you require more information please book a meeting with myself after school.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Davison
Class Teacher