Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. I am looking forward to another busy school year.

Topic

This term we will be exploring the topic ‘Going Places’. This will involve studying the impact of World War II on life in Britain and investigating the geographical similarities and differences within Europe to answer the big question ‘Where would you go in Europe?’. The topic will be taught through many areas of the curriculum including Literacy, History, Geography, Art and Design and Technology.

Literacy

In English, we will be using the book ‘The Iron Man’ by Ted Hughes as a stimulus to write an approaching threat narrative and a trap explanation. We will be focusing on ensuring we are using ‘an’ and ‘a’ appropriately, expressing time, place and cause using adverbials, conjunctions and prepositions, using expanded noun phrases for description and specification and ensuring punctuation is accurate within sentences.

Reading

Reading is an essential skill. Therefore, it is very important to read regularly as reading builds vocabulary, aids writing and benefits all aspects of the curriculum.

Mathematics

This term in Maths, we will be looking at place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include looking at written methods, reasoning and problem solving. It is important that children practice their times tables up to and including 12x12. Good resources for this include hit the button, Times table Rockstars and multiplication check.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating states of matter, experimenting with solids, liquids and gases. We will also be studying forces and magnets, observing attraction and repulsion, as well as comparing materials and magnetic forces.

PE

Children need to have their PE kits in school, as we will be doing PE every week. PE kits can be taken home to wash at half term. The focus this term will be tag rugby and swimming.

Homework

A new homework menu has been created, linking different aspects of the curriculum to our topic. The children should choose at least one task from each column to complete to the best of their ability. I look forward to seeing and celebrating the high standard of work the children are sure to produce in class at the end of this term. Maths homework pages will be given out on a Monday.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.