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Dear Parents and Carers of Farook Class,

Welcome Back

What a fantastic start to the new year! The children have bounced back into school life full of energy, smiles, and a real eagerness to learn. They've settled into routines as if they never left, and it's been lovely to see how quickly they've slipped back into working together and cheering one another on.

This class is such a pleasure to teach. Their curiosity, determination, and kindness make every day exciting, and I feel incredibly lucky to spend my days learning alongside them. They've already rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in, showing just how ready they are for the challenges and adventures this term will bring.

The progress they've made so far has been something to celebrate, and I know they're eager to keep reaching higher and trying new things. Their positive attitudes and enthusiasm create such a happy atmosphere in the classroom, and it makes me proud to see how confidently they tackle their learning. Here's to a term packed with discovery, creativity, and plenty of moments to smile about!

Curriculum News – Farook Class

English

This half term, we are diving into **poetry**. We will begin by learning and performing Roger McGough's poem "*Poetry Pie*". Children will also analyse a range of poems and create their own, inspired by the work of **Allan Ahlberg**. In the second part of the term, we will use the stunning picture book *FLOTSAM* as inspiration for our **narrative writing**, encouraging creativity and descriptive language.

Maths

Our focus will be on **area**, as well as taking multiplication and division further by using **formal written methods**. We will continue to build fluency and problem-solving skills, with a strong emphasis on reasoning and applying knowledge in different contexts. Times tables remain a key priority, especially for Year 4 pupils preparing for the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the summer term. Please encourage regular practice on **Times Table Rock Stars** at home.

Science

Our topic is **Living Things and Their Habitats**. We will explore different types of animals and plants, including invertebrates, and investigate how they adapt to their environments. Weather permitting, we'll get outdoors for hands-on learning!

Art

We will study the work of **J.M.W. Turner**, focusing on his dramatic paintings of coasts and stormy seas. This links beautifully with our Geography topic and will inspire our own creative pieces using different types of pastels.



Geography

Our topic is **Coasts**. We will learn about coastal features, cliff formation, and the impact of tourism. To bring this learning to life, we will visit **Lyme Regis**—and enjoy an ice cream by the sea!

PSHE

Through the **Jigsaw** programme, our theme is **Dreams and Goals**. We'll discuss resilience, how to manage disappointment when things don't go as planned, and the importance of a **growth mindset** for future success.

Religion and Worldviews

We will learn about **Islam**, exploring how festivals and family life are central to the lives of Muslims.

Computing

Our focus is **Programming using Logo**. Children will learn how to use numbers and codes to instruct the turtle to create shapes—Logo doesn't understand words, so precise coding is key!

Music

This term, Year 4 will begin learning the **recorder**, while Year 3 will explore a variety of instruments, including **glockenspiels** and **chime bars**.

PE

Swimming will take place for **Year 3 in the first half of the term**, and **Year 4 from Monday 2nd February 2026**. In school, children will also learn **dance** and **hockey**.

General Reminders

- **PE Days:** Mondays and Thursdays – please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.
- **School Houses:** Barrington (Blue), Hestercombe (Red), Lytes Cary (Yellow), Montacute (Green).
- **Hair:** Long hair must be tied back for safety and hygiene.
- **Snacks & Water:** Children may bring a healthy snack (fruit or veg) for break and should have a water bottle to refill during the day.
- **Weather:** Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and, as it gets colder, gloves and a warm hat.
- **Reading:** Please listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading log. They are also welcome to choose an additional book for enjoyment.
- **Homework:**
 - **Times Tables:** Regular practice on **Times Table Rock Stars** is expected.
 - **Spellings:** Weekly spelling lists will be sent home and are available on **Spelling Frame**.
 - **Year 4:** Additional times tables homework to prepare for the MTC.
- **Logins:** All website/app login details are stuck inside reading records.
- **Homework books (Monday) and reading records (Friday) must be handed in where they will be checked and will be returned the same day with new homework and spellings inside.**

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office or catch me at the start/end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support – I'm looking forward to another fantastic half term of learning and fun!

Mr Hakim
Class Teacher

