

## Spring Term in the Balloon Room



January 2017

Dear Parents.

Happy New Year to you. I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas. Your children did great things last term, here is a brief outline of what they will be doing this term.

### **Classroom Organisation.**

During the spring term, Rebecca will continue to teach literacy, history, geography and PSHE, whilst I will continue to teach numeracy, science and PE.

### **PE**

The Balloons will continue to follow an active sporting curriculum.

**Monday:** PE at Golden Lane (9.00-10.30am)

**Tuesday:** Swimming at Golden Lane (9.00-10.15am)

**Wednesday:** Sports at Coram's Fields (1.30-3.30pm)

**Friday:** Tennis at Golden Lane (9.00-10.30am)

Please note that swimming is part of the curriculum, therefore your child is expected to swim if in school.

If for any reason your child is unable to attend swimming, or participate in any other sporting activity, but can still attend school, I would appreciate a note for my records.

It is an essential and expected part of the school kit requirement that the children provide their own tennis racket for the lesson on Friday.

If children are not suitably attired on any day of a sporting activity, they will not be allowed to participate.

### **Reading**

We continue to place emphasis on reading and value our library enormously. The children will continue to select their own material from the library and should by now have read several genres from their reading passports and stamped them accordingly. We still expect a book to be read in a week, unless an extension has been agreed by me. The children are aware that they must continue to update the diary themselves, which will allow them to record all the books they have completed from our library and which pages they have reached on a daily basis. These diaries are checked by me every day to monitor progress, so please ensure they are always up to date! The diaries should be kept in the homework folder at all times.

### **Humanities and Science**

Here are the topics the Balloons will be covering this term.

**Geography: Water.** The children will be learning more about reservoirs, droughts, monsoons, how water is transported and pollution.

**History: World leaders.** A very interesting topic for the children this term! They will be studying some of the most memorable characters throughout history, such as Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Boudicca, Nelson and Napoleon.

**Science: Changing state.** The children will be exploring subjects such as evaporation and condensation, the water cycle, freezing and melting.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Robert

