Welcome back to a new school year! This letter will give you an overview of this term.

**Maths**

We will be covering a range of topics in Maths this term. We will especially be focussing on knowing all the times tables and being confident with the written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**Literacy**

This term we will be accessing Literacy through a really exciting book: ‘The London Eye Mystery’. We will be using this to inspire a range of writing types.

We will be reading a range of texts in Literacy and guided reading this term but it is very important that your child is reading at home every night. We will be continuing with our reading bookmarks – whenever your child reads at home they can bring their yellow record book to me the next morning (this can be filled out by an adult or the child) and I will give them a sticker. They then get to fill out the reading chart on our wall. When a full side of the bookmark is filled, they get a reward.

**Topic**

This term we are going to become historians and artists as we build a timeline of British history and see how this links with the rest of the world. We will look at the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Celts, Tudors, Romans, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. We will use works of art from different time periods to inspire us to find out more.

I will send out information about our home learning project once we have really got into our topic.

So that you can be prepared, towards the end of term we will have a topic day where I will ask the children to come in dressed up to represent one of the above time periods.

**Homework**

We will be using the CGP books for both spellings and maths this year. Talking homework will be sent home most weeks separately and will usually be in preparation for the following week’s Literacy work. **This year homework will be sent out on a Tuesday and returned on a Monday.**

**Science**

This term, our topics will be ‘Changing State’ and ‘Light’. This year, we will be spending all of Friday morning doing Science which will also be linked to Maths and Literacy. This is a really exciting opportunity to do some interesting investigations and see a context for our Maths and Literacy work.

**Music**

I am very excited to be doing Young Voices again this year! We will be practising the songs and dance moves as part of our Music curriculum this term and additional practise will be offered in an after school club after Christmas.

**Seating**

This year, the children will be changing where they sit for most lessons every week to practise working with different people.

**Class Parent Meeting** Please come along to our class parent meeting on Tuesday 13th September at 3pm to find out more about how our class will run this year.

**Secret Student**

This year, I am introducing ‘Secret Student’ to our class. Each morning, I will randomly choose one child and I will make a special effort to watch them all day. If they have a really good day they will be celebrated and receive a prize.

**Websites to Try at Home**

* <http://uk.mathletics.com/> - Mental math skills
* <http://readingeggs.co.uk/> - Reading
* <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games> - A variety of games for different Maths topics.
* <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primarylanguages/french/> - French
* <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy2.htm> - Grammar games