



Dear Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to Charter after the summer break and to welcome our two new children to York class.

This year, we will be looking at the following topics:

- Term 1 - All about me and people who help us
- Term 2 - Autumn animals
- Term 3 - Traditional Tales
- Term 4 - Growing and changing
- Term 5 - Superheroes
- Term 6 - Under the sea

We are also looking forward to some exciting trips this year, beginning with our visit to Malmesbury Abbey on Friday 21st September. Throughout the year, we will be taking part in lots of local walks to shops, cafes and parks which will give us the opportunity to practise our road safety skills.

In Maths, we will be using lots of practical activities to help us develop our understanding of a range of mathematical concepts including place value, addition / subtraction, multiplication / division and shape, space and measurement. The children will also have opportunities to explore mathematical concepts in everyday life by using money when we visit local shops, for example.

In English, we will be using books and poems related to our term's topic to help expand our vocabularies and develop our writing. We will look at traditional and fairy tales, non-fiction texts including invitations and recounts as well as poems relating to our senses. To help us apply our phonics knowledge and develop our understanding of sentence structure and punctuation, every Monday our English will be focused on our 'weekend news'. The children will be practising writing sentences about what they did at the weekend. To help support your child with this activity please could you write a short sentence about their weekend in their home-school contact book ready for school on Monday. The children will also be

taking part in daily phonics activities to help support their reading and writing.

In Science, we will be investigating a range of topics including: our senses, animals and their habitats, properties of materials and seasonal changes. We will be taking our learning outside as often as possible throughout the year so please ensure your child has wellies and a coat in school.

The children will have lots of opportunities to develop their expressive arts throughout the year as we take part in art, design, music and dance lessons relating to each of our topics.

This term, PE lessons will be on a Monday afternoon but this may change during the year so please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day.

To help the children to develop their speaking and listening skills, we will be having 'show and tell' on a Friday afternoon. Each week one child from the class will have the opportunity to bring an object or picture from home to tell the class about and to answer questions from their peers. Please look for a 'show and tell' sticker in your child's home-school contact book indicating when it will be their turn.

Finally, we will be having a big focus on developing our health and self-care and social skills throughout the year. The children will have lots of opportunities to practise life skills such as cooking and preparing food. We will also be looking at the importance of how to look after our teeth and our bodies.

I hope that your child has fantastic year in York class. Please come and talk to me if you have any questions or queries throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Humphries

Article 29 - Your education should help you to use and develop your talents and abilities.