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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term, which promises to be very busy!

We are continuing with our topic of 'Roald Dahl' until we begin to think about Christmas.

In numeracy, Reception children will be counting and ordering numbers to 20 and the Year 1 children working on doubling and halving, measures, addition and subtraction, multiplication in 2's 5's and 10s and 2D and 3D shape. We will continue to use a range of practical resources such as Numicon, tens sticks, number lines and 100 squares to support children's understanding.

In literacy, Reception children will be working through set 2 of new letter sounds and reading, word building and writing CVC words. Year 1 children will consolidate set 3 letter sounds, including alternative spellings for the same sound, e.g. 'oa/ow/o_e.' They will continue to work in their literacy groups using the Read Write Inc. 'Get Writing' scheme.

Children in Year 1 will have numeracy homework sent home on a Thursday to be collected in on the following Thursday each week.

Spellings are also sent home on Thursday for Year 1 children and they are given a short 'spellcheck' the following Thursday to see if they have learnt them. Please help your child practise spellings before Thursday as they like to get them right! Reception children will continue to have letter sounds sent home to practise.

Reading books will be changed in school on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. I'm sure you will agree the children are all making great progress with reading so please keep up the good work by reading for 10 minutes each day - it is really paying dividends!

As always, if you have any questions, however small, please don't hesitate to come and find me in Class 1 either before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Blythe