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Dear Parents / Carers,

Another year has come around and I am very excited for this coming school year. This term is going to be full of lots of amazing learning, success, enjoyment and excitement and I am really looking forward to the rest of this coming term.

We are doing History this term and our focus is 'The Shang Dynasty', with our key question being 'What were the accomplishments of the Shang Dynasty?'. For the course of this topic, we will be exploring why the Shang Dynasty existed, what different groups of people lived during this time, their writing and calendars and why the Shang Dynasty ended.

For our English lessons we will be focusing on a book called 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. We will be exploring this book in detail and by doing so, we will be focussing on expanding and enhancing both our reading and writing skills. The children will be exploring how to write a letter and diary entry as well as various other writing outcomes based on this book. I have always favoured reading, so I like to ensure that reading is a focus both inside and outside of English lessons, so as to help the children with improving all areas of their comprehension skills.

During our Maths lessons this term, we will be focussing on improving our place value and addition and subtraction knowledge, during which the children will get the opportunity to look at using different methods in order to work out problems. We will also be continuing to develop our times tables through practice during Maths lessons and regular times table checks throughout the week.

For Science this term we will be looking at 'Sound', in which we will be exploring how different sounds are made, how sound travels and much more. The children will be carrying on with French this year and the focus for this term is centred around, 'Welcome to School/Subjects and Opinions'. We are doing DT this term and we are going to be exploring 'Electrical Systems: Torches' in which the children will have the opportunity to explore electrical circuits and make their own torch. The children will need to bring in resources in order to do this, but I will send out an email closer to the time regarding what they will need. Our PE days will be on a Wednesday and Thursday, so please make sure your child comes dressed appropriately on these days.

Thank you for all of your support and I am really looking forward to a fun-filled term, as well as being able to work more with yourselves and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Punyer and Mrs Hopkins/Miss Blythe

