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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a relaxing holiday. We are very excited to be back and can't wait to get started on our topics!

Thank you so much for all the lovely presents, cards and good wishes from you all. It was very kind of you!

As last term, Mrs Contardi will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Roberts Wednesday mornings and Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs O'Neill will continue to teach the class for PE and Computers on a Wednesday afternoon whilst we have our planning time.

Our first topic this term is China. This is a really exciting topic and will include a Chinese Day – more details to follow – we will be finding out all about the country, where it is, the traditions, food and landscape. We will be looking at The Chinese New Year story and also be creating Willow Pattern plates, Dragons, Chinese purses and lanterns. We will also be learning a Chinese Dance!

Next term we will be looking at Food and where it comes from. We will be looking at farms and different habitats and will be finding out how we make and create different things!

In English we will be looking at story writing and we will be thinking about how we can create the best stories ever.

The children will continue to have grammar lessons where they will be thinking about how they can improve their writing skills, along with daily handwriting practise and phonics.

In Maths the children will be focusing on counting, partitioning, place value as well as addition. Next term the children will continue with number patterns, subtraction and multiplication as well as looking at division. We will also be covering money, giving change and we will be looking at shapes. We hope

to focus heavily too on word problems and using the maths skills we have to work out maths problems.

The children will read with an adult at school and change their reading books twice a week.

Homework will continue to be spellings and TT Rockstars. This will be set on a Friday.

P.E during the Spring terms will be on a Monday and Wednesday, however please can you ensure kits - a t-shirt and shorts for indoor as well as jogging bottoms and a warm top with trainers for outdoor – are in school at all times.

Our class Assembly is 14th February and we hope to see you all then. Parents evening will be in March, but in the meanwhile if there is anything you would like to discuss with us please don't hesitate to pop in and see us.

Yours sincerely,

S Contardi (Mrs) J Roberts (Miss)