

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

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Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. I am very excited to be teaching Hedgehogs' class and have some fantastic things planned for the coming year.

Our first topic this term is Our School. In this topic we will be exploring Monkton Park School, life in the 60s and comparing schools in different countries. In science we will be looking at 'Animals' with a focus on caring for pets. In our class we will have our role play as a veterinary surgery, where the children will be able to practise their speaking and listening skills as well as developing their use of scientific vocabulary. Next term we will be looking at the topic 'The Gunpowder Plot' and through this we will be looking at Guy Fawkes, fire safety and of course rehearsing for our Christmas play. The topic will also provide lots of opportunities to create some fantastic art work.

In English we will be looking at poetry, non-fiction and fiction texts. The children will also have grammar lessons where they will be practising their writing skills. In maths the children will be focusing on position and direction and money as well as numbers, counting and addition. Next term the children will continue with number patterns, subtraction and multiplication as well as looking at time.

The children will read with an adult at school at least once a week. They will have two reading books to take home. To encourage reading at home, children will earn a sticker every time they read for three days at home, when they done this six times they can choose a special prize.

The children in Year 1 will continue to have weekly phonics homework. The children in Year 2 will have weekly spellings using an online game called Spelling Shed, there will be more information to follow. The homework will be set on Friday and due back the following Thursday.

P.E for the first two terms will be on a Tuesday and Thursday morning.

If you have any other questions, please come and see me after school.

Yours sincerely,
H Springthorpe (Miss)