

MONKTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. We are very excited to be teaching you all again and have some fantastic things planned for Otters over the coming year.

Mrs Contardi will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Miss Roberts Wednesday mornings and Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs O'Neill will be teaching the class for Science and Computing on a Wednesday afternoon whilst we have our planning time.

Mrs Marshall, our class Teaching Assistant, is very keen to be in Otters and is looking forward to getting to know both you and the children.

Our first topic this term is Our School. As Monkton Park celebrates its fiftieth birthday we will be looking at the 1960s and exploring life back then. In this topic we will be exploring school now and will be comparing it with school long ago. We will also be looking at the fashion, music and art from the decade.

Next term we will be travelling further back in time to look at the topic 'The Gunpowder Plot' and through this we will be looking at the Gunpowder Plot itself and the events leading up to it. We will also look at Guy Fawkes and London.

We hope through this topic to create some budding historians and some wonderful colourful art work related to Firework night.

In English we will be looking at poetry, non-fiction and fiction texts. We will be focusing heavily on editing our work, a key skill needed in Year 2.

The children will also have grammar lessons where they will be practicing their writing skills, along with daily handwriting practise and phonics.

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 and change their reading books twice a week. Now the children are in Year 2, their main focus for homework will be spellings. There will be more details on this to follow.

P.E during the both Autumn terms will be on a Tuesday 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.

Parents evening will be later this term, 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)