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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Spring Term 1

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to all of our school community; I hope everyone had a pleasant and restful break and wish you all a happy and healthy 2017.

This term is set to be a fantastic one for us here at Grazebrook. New IPC topics have already started and we have also begun our first week of this SFA and RWInc cycles. The school environment is looking fantastic and we have some fabulous new displays including some showcasing our creative art projects linked to our writing weeks.

IPC

Our entry points for IPC are well underway and have the children very excited about their upcoming projects – for example Reception came back to school to find some ‘real’ dinosaur eggs had been laid in the Reception outdoor space!

Topics this half term are:

Nursery and Reception – Dinosaur Detectives
Year 1 – Time Travellers
Year 2 – People of the Past
Year 3 – Saving the World - Rainforests
Year 4 – Active Planet
Year 5 – Weather and Climate
Year 6 – What a Wonderful World

Our school outings this half term will reflect our IPC topics so please look out for information coming home soon from all classes.

Assemblies

Our class assemblies continue to take place each Friday at 10.05am with 5G being our first class assembly on Friday 20th January. So as to allow you time to organise other commitments, Friday assemblies for this half term have been listed below.

Friday 20th January – 5G
Friday 27th January – 1G
Friday 3rd February – 2G
Friday 10th February – 3G





Extended hours and extra activities

The Year 4 classes begin their year of swimming, 4G will go every Monday and 4B every Friday to Clissold Leisure Centre so please do remember to send the children in with the correct swimming kits on the day they are due to attend.

For those children who attend the Stretch Academy it will resume next Thursday 12th January and every Thursday until half term.

Our Year 6 residential visit to PGL will take place in March, for those children who have decided not to attend the trip don't worry we have plenty of fun activities planned for you as well.

All of our amazing Afterschool Clubs resume next week, please remember that all clubs must be paid for in advance to secure a place, you can do this by making a secure online payment via ParentPay or through the school office. If you have any queries please pop in and speak to a member of the office team who will be more than happy to help.

Reading Initiatives

Our Book Box Initiative is still running so please feel free to check out the lists of books in the classroom windows and on the Grazebrook website. Don't forget Stoke Newington Bookshop will also give everyone who buys and donates a book a 10% discount (please note the book will need to be left at the bookshop and they will be delivered to school to qualify for the discount). They have the lists of book titles and authors in the shop and are happy to make suggestions too.

We have had a great start to our book journals and they are continuing to go from strength to strength. Please note that all children's reading journals have a sticker in the front that outlines the requirements and expectations when filling them out. Children are also given opportunities to complete entries and do other reading related activities in their DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read).

Please encourage your child to complete and return their reading journals at home too!



Digital Literacy

This term also sees our launch of Google Classrooms at Grazebrook. Staff and our KS2 pupils will be trialing the use of Google classrooms to support and demonstrate learning. Initially we will be using Google Classrooms mainly in school but after half term there will further details on how Google Classrooms can be used at home too. Watch this space!

In the meantime if you have any questions about this term, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classteacher or a member of the leadership team.

Best wishes and Happy New Year,

Jess Hutchison
Headteacher