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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I must begin by saying a huge thank you for all our wonderful end of year gifts. We felt truly spoilt! I hope you have all had a brilliant summer and are looking forward to the new school year. The children have come back enthusiastic and ready to learn which is wonderful!

Curriculum Information

We will kick off this term with a week of getting to know each other activities where we can spend some time familiarising ourselves with our new classmates and routines. We will then begin our 'Down Under' learning journey, which will offer lots of exciting, cross-curricular learning opportunities around the theme of Australia. Please see the attached 'Topic Overview' sheet which gives more information about how this topic will link with the rest of the curriculum.

Key Skills to Support at Home

Please continue to read at home with your child as regularly as possible and record this in their yellow reading records. These records will be checked regularly so are an excellent form of communication between home and school. Children in Ruby class will receive a 'Regular Reader' certificate when they read to a grown up three times in one week - so keep your eyes out for these in your children's book bags.

Requests and Reminders

Our PE sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday. However please make sure that your child has their PE kit every day so that we can be ready to take advantage of any extra slots. In addition to this please make sure every item in your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name.

Ruby class are still looking for good quality toys to support our in-class learning. If you have any construction toys, dollies and clothes, dressing up clothes or anything else that can be used to support our learning please either give them directly to me or leave them in the office. Your donations are greatly appreciated and we have already received some wonderful items.

Thank you to those parents who helped with reading last year. If you are able to support us this term please let me know. Your time is greatly appreciated.

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Homework

This year children will be given a homework folder to store their weekly sheets. Homework will be given out on Monday to be completed by the following Monday. This will consist of a maths activity sheet and a personalised spelling list. Spelling tests will occur on Monday mornings. Certificates and rewards will be given to those who have tried their best to practise their spellings and maths at home. A booklet of fun ideas to support your child's spelling practise will accompany the first list. Please don't hesitate to speak to me if you have any questions about spellings or homework.

RE

In RE this term we will be exploring and sharing religious stories from both Hinduism and Christianity. This will involve learning about Divali and the story of Rama and Sita. This will be largely taught through English lessons in a cross-curricular way to further develop the children's skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Parents and guardians should be aware, as detailed in government legislation, that they have *"the right to request that the pupil be excused from all or part of the RE provided. They do not have to provide a reason and the school must comply with their request. It is however the parents' or guardians' responsibility to provide alternative work if the child is withdrawn. Parents and carers must also be aware that RE is cross-curricular and in primary schools it may be taught as part of another subject area for which there is no legal right to withdraw."*

Show and tell

'Show and tell' will happen on Thursday afternoons. Children will have an opportunity to sign up to 'show and tell' during the week if they know they have something special **about our current topic** to share. We especially like to see home-made items inspired by our in-class learning.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at all, please do come and speak to us - we will always try to make time to talk to you. I am personally available after school and will always be willing to arrange an appointment time that would suit you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Foster