Green Gates Primary School Autumn Term 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all back after the summer holiday. I hope you have all enjoyed your time off and the children are refreshed and ready to start this new school year with lots of enthusiasm and ready to learn.

***ICT*** In ICT we will be completing searches on the internet using key words. We will be learning to understand copyright and using sites that have copyright free resources.

***RE*** Hinduism and Christmas Around the World – including Diwali, the significance of Sita and Rama, what is advent and why is it important to Christians?

***PE*** Divali Dance and Gymnastics – helping with co- ordination, movement using the precise language and why exercise is important to our health

Children will need to bring a school PE kit, including plimsoles at the beginning of the term and leave it at school for the half term.

***PSHE*** Will be taught regularly and the focus will be linked to any issues which may need addressing.

***Music –*** Our children will be learning to play and perform in both solo and ensemble contexts using their voices and playing musical instruments.

***Spelling*** These will be given out and should be practised throughout the week for a test on a Friday.

***Homework*** Will be given out at the beginning of the term and can be completed as and when suits. However, spellings, time tables and reading must still be practised regularly.

***English*** English lessons will be linked to our topic work when possible. We will cover: stories, character profiles, information, reading and writing poetry, play scripts, newspapers and instructions.

***SPAG*** We will start with revision from year 3 then use a range of sentences including different conjunctions. Drafting, editing and improving writing will be a focus and within that children will be responsible for ensuring they achieve individual spelling, punctuation and grammar targets.

***Maths*** We will cover place value, ordering numbers, addition and subtraction facts of three and four-digit numbers, measurement, multiplication and division, fractions and decimals.

***Topic*** This term we are continuing with our exciting topic-based curriculum. The new topic is ‘Remembering the Romans’, through this we aim to cover a broad range of facts and skills allowing more creative, cross curricular learning.

***Science*** All living things and Animals including Humans – this will include looking at plants and animals in their environment, how these environments change, the human digestive system and the functions of the teeth in humans.

The children will have new routines and challenges to face as they develop through year 4. I hope you find this letter useful and if you have any concerns or would like to discuss any matters, please pop in and see me after school for a quick chat or make an appointment for a longer discussion. Thank You Miss Roberts and Miss Guy.