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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term in Year 1. In this letter you will find information about what we will be learning about this term.

Class Teacher	Miss Hosken	Support Staff	Mrs Hurst and Mrs Gamston,
PE Days	Monday and Friday (PE Kits should be in school every day).		

ENGLISH	
Our text this term are:	Paddington- The original story of the bear from darkest Peru- Michael Bond The Snail and the Whale- Julia Donaldson
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Letter writing - Story writing - Travel journal: Diary entry - Descriptive writing recount 	
PSRHE	
In PSRHE this term we will be learning about:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dreams and goals - Healthy me 	

MATHS
In maths this term we will be learning about:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Addition and subtraction (within 20) - Place value (within 50) - Length and height - Weight and volume

RE
In RE this term we will be learning about:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was it easy for Jesus to show friendship? - Why does Easter matter to Christians?

TOPIC	
Our project this term is:	Bright lights, big city
<p>In the Bright Lights, Big City project, your child will take part in a royal garden party and learn about Queen Elizabeth II. They will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, including their location, capital cities and some of their physical and human features. They will have the opportunity to do map work, using compasses and positional and directional language to plan routes around London. They will research the cause and impact of the Great Fire of London and look at some famous London landmarks. They will learn about other capital cities around the world, including Kuala Lumpur, and compare how they are similar and different to London.</p>	
History	Monarchy and significant event – Great Fire of London
Geography	Countries and capital cities of the UK; Physical features of the UK; Settlements; Human features; Weather and seasons; Landmarks; Aerial images; Locational language; Maps; Compass directions; Geographical similarities
Art & Design	Rain and Sunrays: Motifs and printing Taxi: Building a moving model
Computing	Searching the web; Algorithms; Logical reasoning; Programming; Common uses of information technology

"Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

Joshua 1:9

Music	Musical vocabulary, vocal sounds and body sounds
Science	Seasonal changes
PE	Fundamental skills, gymnastics and dance

How you can help at home for this project
<p>Use an atlas, map or the internet to find out the names of each of the four countries and the surrounding seas and oceans. Find out as much as you can about them, using a range of sources. Find out who is the current monarch of the UK and draw a picture of them and write a list of facts to go with your illustration. Use information books and the internet to find out as much as you can about London. Create an information poster to record what you have found. You might like to include pictures and the following headings: landmarks, buildings, types of jobs and people. Explore London on a map, using Google Maps or OS maps online. What human and physical features can you see on the map? Draw a simple sketch of a section of the map and label the physical and human features. Take a walk around your local area. Make a list or draw pictures of the physical and human features that you find. If you draw pictures, label each one. Use an atlas, world map or online maps to look for a world city, such as Paris, Berlin, Lagos, Tokyo, Moscow or Barcelona. Choose one that you think looks interesting and use information books and the internet to help you to find out about the city. Write interesting facts about the city on a mind map.</p> <p>Useful websites: BBC Bitesize – Let’s explore the UK Visit London – Welcome to London BBC Teach – Geography KS1 – Transport, travel and landmarks of London BBC Bitesize – What are human and physical features? National Geographic Kids – 15 Fun Facts about the Monarchy DKfindout! –Facts for Kids</p>

Finally, attached to this letter is our Knowledge Organiser which gives you more information about what we will be learning about.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hosken

Miss Hosken
Year 1 Class Teacher