

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn Term, we hope you had a restful break. It has been fantastic to have Simone Class back in school and hear about all of the wonderful experiences they had over half term.

It is going to be a busy and exciting term, rich with new learning experiences. We will continue to teach our core subjects (math, reading and writing) in the morning, daily. This term we are developing our math mastery skills within number work, focusing specifically on addition and subtraction.

For our Big Read book, we will be reading and exploring the language within Anthony Browne's version of Hansel and Gretel.

Our writing unit will be another traditional tale (with a twist) but we would like to keep it a surprise until Week 3. However, our focus is characterisation, so the children will be learning how to use expanded noun phrases, powerful adjectives, similes and adverbs within their writing.

To complete our history unit of the Victorian Era, we will be spending a morning experiencing life in a Victorian school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. We encourage costumes so that the children really get into the historical feel of it. We will then move onto our new history unit – The Great Fire of London.

Please join us for our class assembly on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** at 2.40pm in the hall where we will share some of last term's learning with you and celebrate some of the work we have achieved.

Our focus for this term is going to be spelling. We will be sending weekly spelling lists home on a Friday for you to practice with your child. These will be a mixture of high frequency and Year 2 spelling words. A spelling challenge will then take place every Monday afternoon. This is not meant to be daunting but will help us assess if there are any words the children are finding particularly tricky. Please refer to our phonic sounding out skills to support your child with their spelling.

Simone Class will be completing the phonic screening test at the end of Autumn 2. This would previously have been completed in the summer term of Year 1 but was postponed due to Covid. We are practicing our phonics daily, so we are confident the class will do well.

If you would like to get in touch with us at any point, please email: [infor@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:infor@grasmere.hackney.sch.uk) and your query will be forwarded on to us.

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Year 2 team