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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term from the Eagles staff. It has been wonderful to see the children back as we start our new topic One Small Step, an exploration of space and flight. Below you will find a brief outline of this term's routines.

Mr Gardner will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mr Ringer, Wednesday through to Friday. PE takes place on a Tuesday morning and children should come dressed in PE kit for the whole day. As we intend to be outside, leggings or joggers (or similar) are recommended, along with trainers. A second PE session takes place on Friday where children only require trainers.

Forest school begins next Thursday. As the weather is changing it is more important than ever that the children come to school in appropriate clothing which should include suitable footwear such as wellington boots or hiking shoes, water proof jackets and warm layers.

Please could all children have a water bottle in school all week, thank you. Children may get a drink at any time, and have their bottle at their table space. If you forget to bring one, please let us know and we will organise a drink for them. We encourage children to drink regularly during the day but if you do find that your child is drinking less than they might usually then please let us know. We will also refill bottles when they are empty – so if they come home full just check with them if they've had a refill during the day.

During break time, the children are allowed fruit and vegetable snacks so please send in a healthy break time snack from home. Lunches run the same as last year with choices going to Mr Dangerfield in the office ahead of time. If your child eats very little on any particular day, we will let you know.

Could we ask once again that all uniform is named – even if it is written in pen on the label. A considerable amount of unnamed clothing built up last year which is very hard for us to return.

Children will be once again coming home with reading records. We recognise that as children get older they read more independently. Research shows, however, that the longer families take an active interest in reading the more likely it is that children develop into life-long readers. Continuing to listen to your child read, reading to your child and, or talking to your child about their books are still incredibly valuable in year 5 and 6. We would like to say thank you in advance, therefore, for continuing to sign reading records 3 or 4 times a week to evidence your child's reading.

In a change from last year, spellings will now be coming home on **Tuesdays** with the previous week's spellings being tested on the same day.

Finally, please remember our door is always open. If you have any questions or concerns or even if you just want to catch up with us.

Kind regards,
Mr Gardner and Mr Ringer

