Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a fun-filled half term break, and that the children come back refreshed and raring to go! I can't believe this is our last half term of the year. We have all worked so very hard, and we are proud of the amazing progress your children have made. We will be continuing to work hard towards our final targets, always making sure to have fun along the way.

Our topic this half term is called 'Journeys.' We will be exploring different kinds of journeys both home and abroad, and different modes of transport, from planes, trains and automobiles to hot air balloons, parachutes and boats. We will even be launching our own space mission!

We intend to use our outdoor classroom and the enchanted wood for our learning as much as possible, and as we can never rely on our Great British weather, the children need to be prepared! Hats and sun cream are a must for hot days, but it is still worth sending your child to school with a jumper or cardigan and a coat. May we also remind you that children are advised to bring water bottles to school (water only, no juice or squash). These are taken out with them at break times and PE.

Again may I remind you that we are uploading super observations of your children's learning on Tapestry, our Online Learning Journal. If you are still experiencing problems accessing this, please let us know. Parents' comments and contributions are a really important part of this. We love celebrating your child's learning with you! Remember to check out our fantastic new school website too, another way to share our learning with you at home.
Homework will continue to be sent home on Fridays and expected in the following Wednesday. Reading books will go home every day with the expectation that every child reads to an adult for 5 minutes a day. Research has long shown the impact this has on a child’s attainment, in all areas of the curriculum! There will be some phonics worksheets in addition and 5 sight words every week to practise reading and spelling.

PE is still on Wednesdays and Fridays, and it will often be outdoors. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, including a hoody or jacket. This is to be brought into school on a Monday, and will be sent home again on a Friday. Please make sure all kit is clearly marked – we still have items going walk-about!

As we are continuing to foster independence and a sense of responsibility in the children, may I kindly ask that now ALL CHILDREN enter the building by themselves and arrange their belongings, as they know how. If for any reason you need to speak to us, please do not hesitate to call us over. If you need to speak to us at greater length about any concerns you have, you are more than welcome to make an appointment.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Miss Bannister and Mrs Denton.