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Dear Children

On Monday, we are looking forward to welcoming you back to school. It is important that your first week back in school is lots of fun and allows you to spend time with your friends and teachers. We know that you have missed seeing each other and that you have lots to share!

In the classroom, there will be activities that help to get you settled in to school. There will be maths and English games. We will also hear you read and make sure you have the right reading level book.

There will be art activities focussing on Kandinsky and Jackson Pollock. We will be looking at these artists and discussing how different tools can be used to create the effects in your own paintings. We will be making a kite in a DT project. Our JIGSAW learning will be about relationships. Weather permitting, we will go outside for some activities: reading, sensory walks, art resource scavenger hunting and to fly our kites. On Thursday afternoons, Mrs Charters will be teaching you music and Jamie will be leading some fun PE games – don't forget to come to school in your PE kit on Thursdays.

On Friday 12th March, we are looking forward to watching an exciting show by M&M Production in the hall. It's called 'The Wizard of OZ!'

During the first week back, we will spend time reminding you of our school values, routines and expectations. This will help you feel safe and ready for learning. We will be introducing a new behaviour monitoring system to you called 'Trackit Lights', which we are trialling.

Trackit Lights is an engaging, motivational behaviour management tool. It is visible on the teacher's whiteboard for us all to monitor through the day (it is similar to the 'Good To Be Green' displays). Teachers will quickly log behaviour points to motivate you. So, if you come back to school and show us you use good manners, you are kind to others and you try your best, you will start earning positive behaviour points! Our school values: Community, Aspiration, Respect and Excellence will be at the core of this points system. More information will be sent out to your parents soon.

Miss Lockie will be teaching those of you in 4W. Mr West is unable to be in school for a little while longer, but he will do a weekly video call to those of you in his class to keep in touch.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Mr West, Miss Biles and Miss Lockie.