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Dear Parents,

A short one this week with a few updates. We have had a really lovely day in the sun, dressed up and telling jokes all day. It has felt a world away from all of life's problems. I have been showing some new parents around the school, feeling very proud that they have chosen our school due to its growing reputation locally.

This week the teachers met to discuss planning for next term. As it is impossible to fill all of the gaps, and cover all of the Summer term learning, we are following advice of the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the teaching of Mathematics), that states we should prioritise the vital elements of maths, rather than trying to cram everything in. You can find out more here: <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/classroom-resources/exemplification-of-ready-to-progress-criteria>

When we come to the end of the term, we will dedicate a good amount of time working on the transition to the next class, so that teachers continue to be aware of the catching-up that needs to continue. This approach can be applied to other subjects, and should help us keep really focused, with a calm and pin-pointed curriculum. It is a long term, and we will be working very hard with the children right to the end of the term and not easing up, so be prepared!

Some great news - Carla Oldfield has been contacted to train to do some presenting work for the local Science Learning Partnership. Considered the 'ideal person', Mrs. Oldfield has the classroom experience, and is an excellent practitioner. She will be attending a course enabling her to co-lead with a leading science education facilitator from STEM National Centre at York and delivering sessions in Suffolk. I would like to congratulate her and say how proud of her I am, as she is a great asset to our school.

I will leave you with a joke from Alexis today - 'How did the bee get to school? It took the school buzzzzzz!'

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Ballam.