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Dear Parent/carers,

We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and that the children are excited for the new academic year in our brand new school!

This half term our topic is based around the continents of North and South America. This topic will focus on geography and design and technology. Our Science topic will be 'Sound' for this half term. We hope the children will enjoy the creative lessons we have planned for them and are looking forward to joining Year 5!

This term the children's Literacy/Numeracy homework will be issued weekly, on a Friday, and we ask that it be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. There will also be a fortnightly spelling task. This will begin in the week beginning 11th September. Your child will be given their KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts) to practise, which is designed to improve their mental maths skills. There will be some variation on the KIRF they are given, depending on the needs of your child. This will be tested in school on a Monday morning to find out whether your child is ready to move onto the next KIRF.

We are continuing to work towards seeing an increased use of reading records to strengthen the home-school link. Therefore, the children will be rewarded in school if they consistently read at least three times a week outside of school hours. Ideally this should be to an adult. Please initial and date the reading record when your child has read. If your child has not read three times a week, they will be given time to read, for 15 minutes, at Reading Club during lunchtime.

P.E kits should be kept in school at all times. This should consist of a white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and plimsolls and for games a warm top and/or dark jogging bottoms (to be worn over the PE kit) and trainers. **Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled and that your child brings a sweatshirt as we will be having our P.E. lessons outside this term.** This half-term, our P.E. lesson will take place on a Friday afternoon. In addition to this, Year 5 will also be receiving swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning. A separate letter will be sent home advising you about the arrangements for this.

Please check the calendar of events (to be issued shortly) for any upcoming activities. We will send out further details closer to the time if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Allington, Miss Davies, Mr Rudd and Mrs Ambrose

