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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting and very important time in your child's education. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term.

This half term our topic is 'How can we recreate the wonders of Ancient Egypt?' and our Science topic is 'Animals including Humans'.

Next half term, our topic will be 'Why are most of the world's cities located by rivers?' and our Science topic will be 'Plants'. We hope the children will enjoy the creative lessons we have planned for them.

This term the children's Literacy / Numeracy homework will be issued weekly on a Friday and we asked that it be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest. This can be completed and handed in either on Purple Mash or in homework books. Times tables practise is still highly important and before Christmas the children really enjoyed completing this work on Times Tables Rock Stars. We ask that the children complete 15 sessions per week (or more if they choose to!) The sessions are only 1 minute each, so a total of 15 minutes times table practise per week.

We cannot express enough the importance of children reading as frequently as possible. Please encourage your child to discuss the storyline with you to ensure their understanding. It is also beneficial to ask your child some questions about the text. The children are required to read at least three times a week at home. Reading records should be kept up-to-date and signed by an adult and will be checked every Monday to ensure the children have read three times. If they have not read three times at home, they will be expected to catch up during lunch times. This also applies to uncompleted homework.

If your child is absent from school for an extended period, there will be work set for them every day on Purple Mash to help them catch up on any missed learning. Please visit the Remote Learning section of the school's website for more information.

As always, we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for all aspects of school including PE. This consists of a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and for Games a warm top and/or jogging bottoms (to be worn over the PE kit) and trainers.

Please could we ask that all your child's clothing and equipment (including their lunch boxes and bags) are clearly labelled with their name. This makes it easier to return stray belongings to their rightful owner!

Thank you for your support.

Miss Tyler and Miss Ungerechts & Miss Young

