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Dear Parent / Carer,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some key information for the forthcoming term. Our topic this half term is 'Where would you prefer to live?' comparing life in Kenya to life in England. Our Science focus is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Attached to this letter are our knowledge mats which highlight the key facts which we cover within each of these topics.

It is vital that your child reads as frequently as possible at home. We are asking you to listen to your child read at least three times a week. Your child will be given a raffle ticket if they read 3 times within a week. If your child reads more than three times they will be rewarded with 2 raffle tickets for a chance to be entered into a prize draw to win a book. Please ask your child questions about the text as you are reading to develop their understanding and write in their reading record when you have listened to them. We will be checking the children's reading records every Monday. If your child is reading from the Read, Write, Inc. scheme, please listen to them read their phonics book or access Oxford Owl online using their logins found in the front of their reading record.

The children will be given spelling homework every Thursday which we would like them to return the following Tuesday.

We will continue to test the children's times tables on a Monday morning. Please help them to practise the times table they are working on and bring in their KIRF book on a Monday morning.

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. PE lessons will be on **Tuesday and Wednesday** afternoons.

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Your child is encouraged to bring water in a named, **clear** drinks bottle to use in the classroom, which can be refilled during the day.

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! Name labels can be obtained from www.stikins.co.uk – help raise funds for our school use our school's number 14630.

This term, we will be having our Inspire Workshops and Class Assemblies please see the dates below. Details about timings will be sent out closer to the time.

Class Assemblies:

Miss Nuttall: Tuesday 21st January 2025

Miss Rich: Tuesday 28th January 2025

Mrs Veitch: Tuesday 4th February 2025

Inspire Workshops:

Miss Veitch: Thursday 20th March 2025

Miss Rich: Thursday 27th March 2025

Mrs Nuttall: Thursday 1st May 2025

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Nuttall, Miss Rich and Miss Veitch.



