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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent and Carer

Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are ready for the busy and exciting term ahead. This term we will start with the history topic 'What is so great about the ancient Greeks?' and our science learning will be 'Electricity'. Please find the attached knowledge mats to look at what the children will be learning. After half term our geography topic will be 'What makes our Earth angry?' and in science, the children will be studying the topic 'Sound'.

Our class assemblies are coming up shortly to showcase the children's learning. The children are always delighted when their parents and families are able to attend. The dates are as follows: 11<sup>th</sup> February Mr Noble's class, 4<sup>th</sup> March Miss Coatsworth's class, 11<sup>th</sup> March Mrs Ellis' class. Each assembly will start at 9.10am in the new hall and will last approximately 30 minutes.

Homework this year will be set on a Thursday and is expected to be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Each week there will be a spelling task on Spelling Shed to be completed online or in homework books. Children are expected to use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' to practise their times tables for a minimum of 15 minutes per week. Regular times table practise is vital as the children will be required to complete the statutory government multiplication tables check at the start of the summer term. In addition to this, the children are expected to read at least three times a week at home. Please sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read, as this will be checked every Monday. As a reward for regular reading, your child will be entered into the fortnightly reading raffle to be given the chance of winning a book.

PE lessons will be on a Wednesday (swimming) and Friday for dance. For further details of the requirements for swimming, please refer to the separate letter sent home. For Friday, please ensure your child has the correct and appropriate clothing for PE: a plain white T-shirt, black or blue shorts and suitable indoor footwear (in addition to their outdoor footwear).

We were delighted to see the year group looking so smart on their return to school this week. Please encourage them to maintain the high standards they set last term.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Coatsworth, Mrs Ellis, Mr Noble

