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Dear Parents or carers,

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.

Our geography question for the first half term is, 'Why should the rainforest be important to us all?' and next half term our history question is, 'Who were the Anglo-Saxons?' In Science we will be learning about, 'Living Things and their Habitats' before half term and 'Earth and Space' after half term.

As a school, we are continuing to have a real focus on improving children's attitudes towards learning, promoting the message that 'hard work brings reward'. We hope you will support us by encouraging your child to try their best and put in a high level of effort consistently into their work- both in school and at home.

With this in mind, please try to emphasise the importance of home learning to your child. Homework will be issued on a Thursday every week and needs to be completed by the following Tuesday. Each week, there will be an alternate English or Maths task uploaded onto PurpleMash which needs completing in homework books. The children are aware how to log in to PurpleMash. If you do not have internet access at home, paper copies of the homework are available for your child to bring home.

Please be aware that Spelling Shed is available for optional spelling practise – the children are aware how to access this - and TT Rock Stars is also available to help children with their times tables at home. In addition to this, the children are encouraged to read at least three times a week at home. Children on a book band should read aloud to an adult and children who are free readers can choose to either read aloud to an adult or make chapter notes if reading independently, reading at least a chapter per reading session. Each time your child reads, please can it be signed by an adult and this will be checked every Monday. If they have read three times at home, they will receive a raffle ticket and if they have read more than three times they will receive an additional ticket. At the end of each half term, names will be pulled out of the draw and these lucky children will receive a free book of their choice.

As always, we expect our children to adhere to the uniform policy at all times so please can we remind you that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school, apart from small, stud earrings. They are no longer allowed to wear earrings or watches for PE lessons so these will need removing before each session. All Year 5 will have PE lessons on a Wednesday morning for swimming and a Friday afternoon for netball. Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for 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!

Fruit or vegetables will be available at break time each day along with milk. Toast is available at morning break-20p a slice. Your child is encouraged to bring water and if needed, water bottles are available from both offices – £1.00 each.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tomlinson

Mrs Ellis

Mrs Stephenson

