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Dear Parent and Carer

Happy New Year! We hope that you all enjoyed the festive break and had a lovely Christmas. We have a busy and exciting term ahead. This term we will start with the topic 'Where are the most extreme environments on Earth?'. After half term we will be learning 'Why was the Islamic Civilisation known as the golden age?'. In science, the children will be studying 'Animals including humans' which focuses on The Circulatory System and its role in the human body and then we will study 'Light' after half term. You will receive knowledge mats for each of these topics which will allow you to see what your child is learning about and we hope you enjoy discussing their learning with them.

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and is expected to be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Each week, there will be an alternate English or Maths task which needs completing in homework books. Please be aware that Spelling Shed is available for optional spelling practise – the children are aware of 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 required 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 at the end of each half term, a name will be pulled out the draw and this lucky child will receive a free book of their choice. There will also be reward afternoons for the children who complete all their homework regularly.

PE lessons will be on Tuesday (Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Ashton), Wednesday (Miss Miller and Mrs Maxwell) and Thursday (for all classes). Please ensure your child has the correct and appropriate clothing for PE: 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.

Year 6 national tests (SATs) will take place during the week commencing Monday 12th May until Thursday 15th May so please avoid booking a holiday during this week. The children will be tested on three subjects: Reading, Maths and Grammar.

Please encourage your child to maintain the high standards they set last term and continue to work hard and strive to do the best they can.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Ashton, Mrs Maxwell and Miss Miller

