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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.

All of the children have settled into the new routines very well and we are so excited to see what the rest of the year brings. Our first topic will be a History topic titled 'Do dinosaurs still live on Earth?' Next half term, our topic will be 'Why can't polar bears live near the equator?' This will be a Geography topic. In Science, we will be exploring the topic of 'Animals including Humans' all term, with a focus on seasonal changes after October half term.

Reading is an essential skill, and we strongly encourage you to listen to your child read at least 3 times a week. As well as developing your child's phonics knowledge and reading ability, it is also important to develop their comprehension skills. Therefore, please continue to ask your child questions about the text, during and after reading, to develop their understanding of the text.

The children will be given KIRF (key instant recall fact) books to practise their number skills at home. These need to be returned to school each Monday morning in preparation for the weekly KIRF challenge. Spelling homework will start after half term. It will be given out on a Thursday to be returned by the following Tuesday. Please ensure that your child completes the homework set each week as this will heavily support their learning within class. Children who complete homework will have the opportunity to receive a homework award during Good Work assemblies.

As always, we expect our children to always adhere to the uniform policy. 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. We will be taking part in PE lessons on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please remember children cannot wear jewellery on these days.

Also, 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. 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. Water bottles are available from both offices – £1.00 each.

You will receive an invitation when your child has been selected for Good Work assembly, which is held on Friday afternoons at 2.45. Please arrive at the Year 1 doors if you have been invited. We will also have an inspire workshop during the year in which you will be invited to help your child with some of their learning.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Merrall and Mrs Windress.

