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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 topic 'Where are the World's greatest economies?'. After half term we will be learning 'Were the Vikings really Vicious?'. In science, the children will be studying 'Light' and 'Living things and their Habitats'.

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 a spelling task which needs completing in homework books and Spelling Shed is available for optional spelling practise – the children are aware of how to access this. Children also need to continue using 'Times Tables Rock Stars' every week to practise their times tables for a minimum of 15 minutes per week. 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 not read three times at home, they will be expected to catch up during lunchtimes. This is the same policy as uncompleted homework.

PE lessons will continue to be on a Tuesday and Wednesday (Mrs Maxwell), and on a Tuesday and Friday (Mrs Ambrose and Mrs Ashton's 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.

Please be aware that Year 6 national tests (SATs) will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May so please avoid booking a holiday during this week.

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,

Mrs Ashton, Mrs Maxwell and Mrs Ambrose

