Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you’ve enjoyed the lovely weather during the Easter holidays and you have had some opportunities for quality family time.

Curriculum

Next week, the class will be starting their new topic exploring the ‘Amazing Americas’; studying the Native Americans, the early European settlers and the development of the USA we know today. In Geography, this topic will also give us the opportunity to compare North America to what we have already learnt about South and Central America and many opportunities to use atlases and maps, to locate and learn about American states and cities. Attached to this letter are the areas we will be covering, split into each individual subject.

The children have been given a new timetable for their learning packs. As is usual for the Summer Term, there will many changes for whole school activities and Sports competitions and practises. Please could you make sure that your child always has their correct PE Kit in school. There have been a few occasions where children haven’t had shorts for Gym, outdoor clothing or have complained that their trainers don’t fit, so do check that they have everything.

Reading records are checked weekly and the children will continue to read in a group with an adult. It is down to the children to tell us when they need a new book and the children know that they should record any of their reading in their reading diaries. Please encourage the children to record their reading so we can keep our records up to date.

Homework

The children will still have a spelling test on Monday and we are still checking that the children know and understand thoroughly the Spellings lists in their Learning packs.

Maths Homework is given out by Mrs Sutherland which is to be returned on Wednesdays. Some children are still working on their levels for Times Table Tuesday, so will still need help with this - thank you for your support.

We will continue to send out Literacy Tasks on Fridays, as there has been positive feedback from both children and parents about this. This could be connected to our Topic to encourage their writing **or** be a Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar exercise **or** be a reading comprehension. The children will be given a week to complete it and the answers/work will be shared in class where possible. We will again be emphasising that the children need to complete their homework to a Year 5 standard. Please let us know if you have any problems, as we will be monitoring closely the quality of homework and those children who complete homework on time.

Do not hesitate to contact us by email if you haven’t managed to catch up with us during school hours.

Regards,

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