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## Dear Parents/Carers

### Team 1 Spring Term Newsletter

We would like to wish you all a very Healthy and Happy New Year. Thank you all for your good wishes, cards and gifts over the Christmas period, they were very much appreciated.

We are very pleased with the way the children have returned after the Christmas holidays. They have all settled into the work routine very quickly.

This term is a very busy term for all children, especially year Y6 as we approach SATs.

### Diary Dates

Parents Consultation Evenings - appointments 3:30pm-5:30pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### Assemblies (this term) 9:45am - 10:30am

6SF - USA Mr Frank Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January

5GC - Brazil Mr Carter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

### Trips

To support the Year 5 topic of 'Earth and Space' the children will be going on a trip to the Life Science Centre in Newcastle on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Any parents with the appropriate DBS checks, who would be willing to help, please see your child's teacher.

### Curriculum

As usual we will be continuing English and maths on a daily basis, including Schofield and Sims, which is our arithmetic practise.

Y6 English will be linked to our class reader 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman Our History topic will be Ancient Maya, Geography sessions will include mapping skills and in Science we will be studying 'Animals including Humans'.

Y5 English will be linked to our 'Earth and Space' science topic as well as our History topic - 'The Ancient Greeks'.

Spellings and spelling rules will still be sent home on a Friday and they will be tested the following week in the form of an investigation.

Can we take this opportunity to remind you that children in Y5 and Y6 children are expected to take reading books home every night and complete a minimum of three reading tasks per week (tasks at the front of their journals).

Maths homework will continue to be sent home every Friday. Maths homework is intended as reinforcement of concepts covered in the lessons and if you or your child are anxious about the work, or the methods used, please do not hesitate to contact us either in person or by writing a note in their book, and we will be pleased to help.

All children in Year 5 and Year 6 have PE on a Tuesday with Mr Fowler. Due to the inclement weather at this time of year we cannot say whether it will be inside or outside so could children have both PE kits in school. A further indoor PE lesson is timetabled for each class. May we take this opportunity to remind everyone that earrings need to be removed by the child themselves or not worn (recently pierced ears need to be taped).

Bright Futures Week will be held the week beginning Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February this year. Could we ask for any parents who would be willing to talk to the children about their own careers to contact their child's class teacher. This event was a huge success last year and enabled many children to see different future career options, it is something we can only do with your help. Thank you.

Mrs Dent

Miss Mellor

Mr Frank

Mrs Hamblett

Mrs Forbes

Mr Carter

