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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

Theme Days To support our History topics.

Y6 - Mayan Day Monday 27th January

Y5 - Greek Day Thursday 6th February

Y6 SAT meeting Thursday 23rd January 6:00pm

Bright Futures week will be held in the week beginning 10th February. Here the children will listen to a variety of professionals discussing possible future careers. We would welcome any parent/grandparent/carer who wishes to talk about their own career path, please contact your 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.

Parents Consultation Evenings will be held in the second part of the term, during the week beginning Monday 2nd March - appointments will be between 3:30pm and 5:30pm

Assemblies 9:45am - 10:30am

5HB - Brazil Miss Brown Friday 24th January

6SF - U.S.A. Mr Frank Friday 14th February

5RH - India Mrs Hamblett Friday 28th February

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 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).

Sporting Events

This term some children will be representing the school in Football tournaments and a Swimming Gala.

Mrs Dent

Miss Mellor

Mr Frank

Mrs Hamblett

Mrs Forbes

Miss Brown