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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second term of the school year. I hope you and your families enjoyed some quality time together during the half term break and that the children are well rested after a long term with a lots of learning!

Vicious Vikings

A great deal of our learning this term will be linked to our new class text, *The Saga of Erik the Viking by Terry Jones*. I know a few of the children have been reading this at home already and are enjoying it! It's always helpful for the children to have a head start with our class text so I wanted to also let you know that our class text for Term 3 will be *The Wind Singer by William Nicholson* in case you need an idea for a Christmas present for your child/children!

Christmas Fair

We know that the cost of the Year 5/6 camp has increased so to help with this, we have decided to support the Year 5 and 6 children with the planning and running of a Christmas fair! The proceeds from this will be used to offset the cost of the camp. We hope all our families will support us with this by attending on 5th December as well as with donations and resources. More information to follow in due course.

A few reminders:

Wellies

The weather has definitely changed but we want the children to continue to be able to use the school field as much as possible. Please could you make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in school at all times to make this happen.

P.E.

Our PE days this term will usually be Tuesdays and Thursdays. We do a mixture of indoor and outdoor PE so please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing in school at all times.

Homework/Spellings

Just a reminder for children to bring in their spelling books each Thursday so I can acknowledge and reward their efforts at home and they can receive the new spellings. There will be a test each Friday. The spellings sent home will be a mixture of the Year 5/6 statutory words as well as words linked to spelling patterns and rules studied in class. The children really enjoyed last term's tasks and have suggested some of this term's tasks. They have also requested working on some of the tasks in groups, which I think is a great idea! Please choose a minimum of three tasks from the grid and bring in completed work when it is done. There will be an opportunity for the children to share pieces they are especially proud of during the last week of term.

Reading

Lots of our children are really engaging with our new reading challenge, Race to the Sun! Just a reminder that there is a recording sheet stapled into your child's reading record. Please tick and initial each day that they read at home. Each 15 ticks mean they can move onto a new planet, getting closer to the sun, as well as a certificate home!

Parents' evening

I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss how well your child is getting on at school. Parents' evenings will be on Wednesday 21st November and Thursday 22nd November. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

If you have something more pressing to discuss, please either email the school or catch me after school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Sarah Woodcock