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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and were able to spend quality time with family and friends. Welcome to Term 3, already! Please see below for details of your child's/children's learning for this term.

### **Plastic Fantastic?**

This term's learning aims to provoke discussion. Our class text, *The Wind Singer* by William Nicholson portrays a society very different to our own with controversial rules and expectations which we will explore and debate. We will also look at our own world through our geography learning and consider some of the problems we face and what possible solutions could be. We will research different biomes and consider the environmental concerns facing some of these. Our science learning about forces will continue before we move onto light.

### **Fundraising for Camp**

After the success of the Christmas Fair, the children have had ideas for further fundraising. Please watch this space!

### **A few reminders:**

#### **Wellies**

Even though we're in the depths of January, we still 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 as there were children missing out on this opportunity on a regular basis last term.

#### **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**

Year 5 and 6 are a key time in preparing your children for the different demands of secondary school. A massive part of this is developing their organisation skills. They need to become more responsible in organising their own belongings and bringing the correct equipment to school on different days. This is really important.

To help your children with this, I ask them to bring in their spelling book each week, on either a Thursday or Friday, to receive the spellings for the test the following week. As the year goes on, I will help them develop their independence in other ways.

For the **home learning**, please choose a minimum of three tasks from the grid and bring in completed work when it is done or hand it in at the end of term. Obviously, I will be delighted if children complete more than this and I was very impressed with some of the efforts last term! There will be an opportunity for the children to share pieces they are especially proud of during the last week of term.

#### **SATs**

SATs are now getting closer for the Year 6 children. We will be therefore be giving the children the chance to become more familiar with the style of questions in the papers and will also be using these to identify any gaps in learning so we can support your children with these before May. It is really important that your children are prepared but not worried about the SATs tests.

#### **Reading**

Lots of our children are really engaging with our 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!

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