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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had the chance to spend some quality time together with your families and loved ones over the Christmas break. I know it is always a busy holiday!

I also wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Christmas Fair. Thanks to your support and the children's hard work, we raised over £400!

Please see below for details of our learning for this term as well as a few reminders.

How did World War Two start?

This term we will be learning about what Germany was like after the end of World War One and finding out about how this led to the rise of Hitler and the start of World War Two. As part of this we will be learning about the persecution of the Jews. To support us with this, we are reading *Once* by *Morris Gleitzman*, which is a fictional story about a young Polish Jew set in Poland in 1942.

We are planning an experience day linked to World War Two 2 for later in the term. More details will follow.

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 Thursdays and Fridays. 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 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 Around the World! 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 place and bring a certificate home!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Sarah Woodcock