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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.

How can we change the future?

The next two terms' learning focuses on pioneers who are changing our world for the better. We will also be thinking about little things we can do that can make a difference. As part of this, we will be learning how to create eco warrior games using Scratch, make reclaimed material art sculptures and much more! We will be reading a variety of short fiction and non-fiction texts to support us with our learning; please see the topic web for a list of these. Our main text this term will be *The Viewer* by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan which we are already intrigued by. Thank you again for the kind donations before Christmas which have allowed us to have enough copies for one between two. The children have been using magnifying glasses to really explore the book!

Homework

Thank you for supporting your child and the school with the new home learning activities. The work set builds on what we do in class and it makes a great difference to your child's understanding and helps them to retain what we have covered. It is also good preparation for secondary school, where children are set at least one hour per day to complete. A reminder of the expectations for Year 5&6:

- Times Table Rock Stars - 30 minutes per week
- Athletics – 60 minutes per week

The work set is always what we have recently covered in class to reinforce this. There are a significant number of children who have more than 40 activities outstanding from last term. It is expected that these are completed ASAP as more work in line with this term's learning will be set over the next couple of weeks.

- Spelling and grammar – please see email dated 30.11.23 for the overview for the year.

The weeks stated are when the work is due. Please can children self-mark using the answers at the back and have another go at any incorrect question in a different coloured pen

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 reading at least five times a week and we held our first reading raffle in the last week of last term with one winner per class! Please remember the following:

- Remind your child to write in their reading diary each day that they read at home
- Parent to initial next to each entry
- Reading diaries should be sent into school daily for when we hear children read
- Reading diaries are all collected in every Friday to track frequency of reading and add raffle tickets for those who have read five times that week.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs. Sarah Woodcock