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Dear Parent

Welcome back to a new school term. We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and wish you all a very Happy New Year. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sent in cards and gifts for us.

Our new topic this term is 'Poles Apart' where we will be studying the Polar Regions. The children will look at forces in Science, use globes and atlases in Geography, Poetry and Biographies in Writing and much, much more. If you think you have any skills, expertise or knowledge about our topic then please let us know.

Here is some information that you might find useful for this half term:

Reading books and records

Please continue to encourage your child to read as much as they can and find time to discuss the subject matter of what they are reading. A date and initial in their reading record will suffice to indicate this has happened. The novels we are studying this term are *The Last Polar Bears* by Harry Horse and *Skellig* by David Almond (Year 6 only).

Spellings, homework and Times Tables Rock Stars

Spellings will continue to be issued on Fridays and tested the following Friday. Please ensure that your child practises their spellings and record this in their spelling folders. Homework will be given on Thursdays and collected the following Thursday, this will consolidate learning that has taken place that week and the children should be familiar with the task. This should take no more than 20 minutes, but, as always, there will be a challenge element to the task if pupils need extending. Homework that is not handed in will be completed at break/lunchtime. All pupils are now up and running on the Times Tables Rock Stars for the term ahead and their tables have been set for them accordingly. These can be adjusted at any time so please come and see us if you feel your child is ready for a bigger challenge! The pupil log-ins for these are stuck inside their homework books. It has, again, been great to see how many more pupils are logging on to increase their rapid recall skills at home and their times tables scores improve accordingly.

PE

Our PE session will be on a Wednesday afternoon this term as well as the swimming lessons on a Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has the appropriate in and outdoor kit in school all the time. Please see our school uniform policy if you are unsure of the expected PE clothing.

If you have any questions, concerns or require any extra information about any of the above then please feel free to catch me briefly at the end of the day or arrange a meeting via the office.

We look forward to having a busy and exciting term with you all.

Many thanks,

Mr Barnard & Mrs Rossiter

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Self-Help Self-Responsibility Equality Equity Democracy Solidarity
Openness Honesty Social Responsibility Caring for Others