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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all - it was so lovely to welcome the children back after the Christmas holidays and to notice just how much they have already blossomed and grown since September!

Our Spring term will be full of interesting things to learn! Our work in Geography will focus on South America, both learning countries and capital cities and also comparing human geography of S American regions with those in the UK. We will then go on to learn about the Mayans in History, including finding out about the great stone cities and monuments that can still be visited today.

Our next two class reading texts are 'Explorer' by Katherine Rundell and 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. In English we will be writing a Discovery narrative and Explanation text based on 'Charles Darwin's The Origin of Species' and then a Documentary narrative and balanced argument based on 'The Ways of the Wolf'. The children will be encouraged to read writing in the style we are studying, analyse, plan, write, edit and publish a final draft.

In maths we will continue to follow White Rose Maths for mastery and work towards the high expectations required for the end of year assessments. Your support at home with encouraging the children to practise their times tables is greatly appreciated, please remember they have logins for Times Table Rock Stars which is an effective and fun way to learn.

Homework will continue to support our work in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling as well as practising Arithmetic in Maths. Reading at least 4 times weekly and practising spelling lists also greatly benefits the children's progress.

Our Curriculum overview on our class page of the school website will give you an overview of our other subjects this term and Knowledge Organisers will inform you of the key knowledge and vocabulary we will be learning. A named PE kit should be in school at all times. In PE this term, we will be working on Gymnastics and Hockey. We will be swimming later in the year, with details to follow later.

As usual, Miss Webb will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Mrs Milsom will teach every Thursday. The children will also be supported daily by Mrs Poole.

If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact either of us via Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Webb and Mrs Milsom