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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and I hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive time over the Christmas break. It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Monday and we had had an amazing week with them!

Welcome

It's a new year, new decade and we are delighted to warmly welcome a number of staff to our community. Mr Roddy Alcivar has joined us as the teacher of 5RA (previously 5RR), Mrs Claire Keenan has joined us as the new teacher in RCK (previously RED), Miss Bhoke Magotti is a new Teaching Assistant in 3SW, Mr Mo Kamara has joined us as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant and is working with 4JG and 5RA. We would also like to welcome Ashton (3SW) and his family to our school community. I know you will make all the newcomers to our school community feel very welcome and thank you in advance for doing so. Finally, we will have a 3rd year BEd student this term working with Mrs Bentley in Year 2 and Ed Houghton, a PE student working with Chris Ellison and his team at Performance Sports.

The children have all started new topics this term and boy, are they excited!

Reception

In Reception, our topic is journeys and we've already been on a 'Bear Hunt'. We've been learning to sequence the story and writing about it using some key words they know. We've been identifying and naming flat 2D shapes, and solid 3D shapes and are keen to show you what we've learnt at home. We had our first PE lesson with the Performance Sports coaches and apparently 'blew Mr Ellison away' with our focus, energy and skill level!

Year 1

In Year 2 this term our topic is 'Space'. We can't wait to explore strange new worlds and galaxies and let our teachers know what we want to find out about. We're already thinking about the questions we're going to ask and tweet to Helen Sharman. We did a winter walk around our local area, and are looking forward to visiting the different continents in Geography and learn what similarities and differences they have.

Year 2

We thought our Castles and Dragons topic was amazing... but now we've started our 'Chocolate' topic - Wow! The chocolatier's workshop was brilliant on Wednesday and we've learned so much already. We've continuing to look at Poetry and in particular, Michael Rosen's Chocolate and will be learning and then performing it to each other. In Maths, we're looking at division and division word problems and in Science we're finishing off our materials topic.



Year 3

This term, we're really excited about our 'Stone Age Rocks' topic. We're starting to read 'Stone Age Boy' as a class and in Art this week we created hand images using charcoal, just as people from that age did. In Maths, we're starting to learn about horizontal and vertical lines and will then move to parallel and perpendicular lines. It will be fun identifying right angles using an angle gobbler.



Year 4

In Year 4 this term, we will be focussing on Roman Britain revealed. We'll be exploring and investigating the impact that the Romans had on ancient Britain and are really looking forward to our trip to workshops at Upton Court in March. In our PE lessons we've played Netball and are doing Dance, which will be linked to our Roman topic. In French we're focussing on 'Going Shopping' and buying different things. This week, we looked at fruit and vegetables.

Year 5

How much fun is our theme 'To Infinity and Beyond'? Can you believe we watched the Wallace and Gromit episode of 'A Grand Day Out' and used it as a stimulus for our writing. We're looking forward to sharing our edited pieces of writing with you. We're also looking forward to

our trip to Winchester Science Museum this term and planning our own 'Space Art' in the style of Peter Thorpe. We revisited Forces this week in Science, identifying the effect of air resistance, water resistance and friction. In Geography, we've started to explore different types of maps, identifying physical features and finding locations by giving simple co-ordinates. In Maths, we looked at measures, including length, mass, capacity, volume and time.

Year 6

Our topic this term is 'North American Journey' and our class book (which we started this week) is 'The Sign of the Beaver'. We've enjoyed exploring what we already know about the continent and it's geography and history and are looking forward to building on this knowledge. We're also excited about exploring traditional Native American artwork and designing and creating our own miniature totem poles. We're starting a new topic in Science this term - Electricity, and will be using circuits and electrical equipment to investigate electrical science. In Maths, we're continuing our work on angles, finding missing angles in shapes using rules on interior angles and in RE we've started to explore the concept of 'eternity'.

Parent Class Reps

Just a reminder that I will be holding a meeting for Parent Class Reps after drop-off on Friday 17th January. I hope many of you are able to come along.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Class Reps Meeting	Friday 17 th January 9.00am
Reception - Heights & Weights Measuring	Wednesday 22 nd January 2020
Half Term	17 th - 21 st February 2020
Book Fayre	25 th February - 3 rd March 2020
Year 2 Trip to the Living Rainforest	Monday 2 nd March 2020
Year 5 Trip to Winchester Science Centre	Tuesday 3 rd March 2020
Year 4 Trip to Ufton Court	Monday 16 th March 2020
Living Eggs	Monday 23 rd March 2020
Year 3 Trip to the Earth Trust	Tuesday 31 st March 2020



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