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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to Red Class! I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful winter break, and I am delighted to welcome you to the Spring Term.

This term, our curriculum is filled with exciting learning opportunities. During the first half of the term, we will complete our history topic on Ancient Greece. We will explore how this civilisation evolved over time, focusing on the series of city-states and their eventual unification under Alexander the Great and his father. Additionally, we will compare Ancient Greece to Ancient Egypt and examine how their beliefs shaped their society, drawing parallels to our own civilisation today.

In geography, our exploration will lead us to the magnificent topic of mountains. We will investigate the formation of mountains while revisiting six-figure grid references, biomes, vegetation belts, and climate zones, comparing them to our local area. More details can be found on the class topic web on the school website.

In art, the focus will shift from monochromatic to chromatic art, with the children creating their own portraits. For Design Technology, we will integrate our science topic on forces by designing, creating, and evaluating our own marble runs.

Our Forest School sessions will take place every Monday afternoon for the first half of the term, while PE will be held every Tuesday afternoon. Please refer to the curriculum map for further details on this term's learning.

Considering the variable weather, children may wish to bring a pair of black leggings or tracksuit trousers for colder days. It remains essential for children to complete their weekly homework tasks. Supporting your child's learning at home greatly boosts their confidence at school.

In preparation for Year 6, children will be set two home learning tasks per week, which may include worksheets or online activities via Spelling Shed or Maths Shed. These tasks will cover topics like spellings, maths, or reading. Homework will be distributed and collected every Friday, continuing the routine from the previous term.

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Daily reading remains crucial for your child's development. Although your child might not always wish to read aloud, please ensure they have reading time every day and discuss what they've read to confirm understanding. Recording this in their reading diary helps me track their progress and preferences. Reading at home complements the individual and guided reading sessions at school.

Our maths focus this term encompasses formal multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, percentages, perimeter, area, and statistics. Practising times tables will support your child's success in these areas. In spelling, I will introduce a new spelling rule each week, with related tasks set on Spelling Shed. Practising these at home, especially in context, will reinforce their learning.

This term, all of Key Stage 2 will embark on a trip to Exeter to experience a live orchestra. In preparation, we will learn songs and body percussion in class, allowing children to actively participate alongside the orchestra for an immersive experience.

To assist in supporting your child's learning at home, useful websites include www.spellingshed.com and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Miss Anna