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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year; I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break. This letter outlines the areas of study to be covered by our class during the autumn term; if you have any resources that you think may be of use please send them in!

In **Literacy** we will be reading **Escape from Pompeii**. We will be using this text to write our own recounts of an event and to develop our use of descriptive vocabulary. This will tie in with our topic learning for this term as well.

Please encourage your children to read every night at home, questioning them about what they have read, in order to develop their understanding. Children will need to have their reading books and reading record in school each day – please sign their record to indicate what they have read at home.

Numeracy: This term our main focus in maths will be developing our understanding of number and place value. We will re-visit the formal written methods for addition and subtraction and then apply these skills when solving word problems.

Times Tables: By the end of Year 3 children should be able to count in multiples of 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 50 and 100. We will be doing lots of practice in class but please encourage your children to do some more at home!

Our topic for Term 1 is '**Extreme Earth,**' where we will focus on Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Tsunamis and other natural disasters. I look forward to finding out what the children already know about this subject and what they would like to find out. We will be developing our geographical skills by learning why these events happen and looking at maps to find out where in the world they occur.

In **Science** we will be learning about animals, including humans and what nutrition they need in order to survive. The children will develop their knowledge, skills and understanding in nutrition, muscles, bones and joints and conduct their own research.

Religious Education: In RE, our topic for this term is 'People of God.' The children will be learning about the story of Noah and the idea of the covenant. They will then be looking into how they can make links between this and their life at home and at school.

P.E: Outdoor Games on Wednesday afternoon and indoor PE will be on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure that PE kits are in school every day just in case and that children have a warm tracksuit and suitable footwear for the colder weeks! Please check that all clothing is appropriately labelled too – we get a lot of 'lost property', which cannot be returned to the owner if it is not named.

ICT: This term we will be learning how to design and write our own program using specific commands and statements. We will also look at debugging in order to resolve any problems with our coding.

Homework will usually be sent out on a **Thursday** and should be returned by the following **Monday**. There will be a piece of Numeracy and Literacy each week.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to see me at the end of the school day. Thank you in advance for your continuing support. I look forward to meeting you at 'Meet the Teacher' on Tuesday 11th September at 4.00pm.

Kind regards

Ms Jess Watson

