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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term; I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break.

Our topic for Term 2 is **'Winter Around the World.'** We will be studying maps to find out more about different places around the world and investigate why countries have different climates based on their geographical locations. The children will also have the opportunity to research an area of their choice and find out more about it before presenting their findings.

In **Literacy** we will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The children will use drama and discussion to explore the book and will look at how they can use different techniques to extend their vocabulary. They will then use the structure of the story to plan and write their own narrative before having the opportunity to edit, improve and present their final piece of writing.

Please continue to encourage your children to read every night at home, questioning them about what they have read, in order to develop their understanding.

Numeracy: This term we will continue working on written methods for addition and subtraction and becoming more confident when answering word problems for these operations. We will then move onto multiplication facts and written methods for multiplication.

We continue to do our times tables every day and we are really noticing a difference. The children have really taken on this challenge and it is fantastic to see their enthusiasm!

In **Science** we will be finishing off our topic on Animal including humans before starting our learning on **'Light and Shadows.'** The children will be finding out about the properties of light and what makes a good reflective material. They will also be investigating shadows and how these can change as the light source is altered.

Religious Education: In RE, we will be learning about Sikhism and finding out what is important to Sikhs. This will include looking at what Sikhs believe and how this impacts on their actions and daily life. The children will learn about the 5 Ks and the teaching of the Guru Granth Sahib.

P.E: Netball on Thursday afternoon and gymnastics on Monday afternoon.

Please ensure that full P.E. kit, including trainers for outdoor games, is in school each day. 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 improving our word processing skills and completing tasks such as formatting font, inserting pictures, taking screen shots, using secure passwords and learning keyboard shortcuts.

Homework will usually be sent out on a **Thursday** and should be returned by the following **Tuesday**.

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.

Kind regards

Ms Jess Watson

