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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely holiday and found some time to relax. Being new to the school, I am really looking forward to working with Class 5 this year and I'm sure that they will work hard to challenge themselves and make the most of every learning opportunity. It has been a fantastic first week; the children have settled in quickly and made a very positive start to the year. Our first topic this year is 'The Rainforest' and an overview is shown on a mind map along with this letter. As it is a plan, it is subject to change with areas being adapted over time. Our class structure is as follows: I will be in class on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. During Term 1 Mrs Stuart will teach the class on a Wednesday and from Term 2 onwards it will be Mr Hunt.

This term, PE will be on a Monday and Friday afternoon. Children will need suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor PE and this should be kept in school through the term as sometimes we may need to swap our PE session. If possible, we would recommend wearing trainers for PE instead of daps, as they provide better support, especially for games activities. All jewellery needs to be removed for PE sessions (including earrings). Newly pierced ears must be taped up with tape provided from home. Children should also bring in a water bottle every day that will be stored in our classroom sink area.

This year, we will continue with the 'Pic n Mix' homework format. This is optional homework linked to our topic and is designed to help the children extend their homework and take opportunities to share their learning at home. Children can select as many or as few tasks to complete throughout the term. Weekly homework will include spellings which will be tested on a Friday. All children should be practising their times tables and working towards being fluent in multiplication tables up to 12x.

It is vital that children are reading regularly at home as part of their homework, especially reading out loud and discussing their understanding of the text that they are reading. Regular reading, even if for 5-10 minutes every night, will have a significant impact on their development. You can find inspiration for appropriate and quality books by searching 'Year 5 Book Lists' for up to date suggestions. Reading will be a celebrated and encouraged culture within our classroom and I will also be sharing my recommendations with the class. If your child has a reading book and record, please read with them three times a week and sign in their record. Children should bring their reading book and record in every day as I will be reading with the children as much as possible. On that note, if anyone is able to offer some time to listen to children read during the school day it would be much appreciated and a huge benefit to the children in our class.

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Please don't hesitate to come and speak to me at the end of the day if you have any questions. If you would like to meet for a more formal chat you can contact me via the office. I look forward to seeing you at our 'Meet the Teacher' session.

I look forward to meeting you .

Miss A Dean  
Class 5 Teacher

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