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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a festive and relaxing Christmas break. The children have settled back into class and are ready to get back to work! Please note, there will be another slight change to the weekly teaching structure this term. For the remainder of the school year, Mr Hunt will teach the class on Tuesday afternoons. Mrs Nelmes will continue to work alongside us in class throughout the week.

Topic: Our class topic for this Term is 'Explorers.' This Topic will link our learning from across the curriculum and will be underpinned by our central enquiry question of 'what if we went on an expedition.' For more information on this, please see the curriculum map attached which details our learning for this term.

Homework: The Pick 'n' Mix homework has been sent out alongside the newsletter. As ever, these are optional and intended to help engage your child with our class topic. We were inundated with fantastic home learning brought in by children wishing to share their hard work with the class last term! As such, we ask that children hold off from bringing in show and tells until **Wednesday 12th February** where we will share and celebrate any home learning. Please remind your children not to bring in any toys to school for sharing with the class.

Please note, spellings will now be issued and tested on a Thursday. Please ensure your child brings in their homework book on this day so they are able to stick in their new spellings and practise them at home.

Times tables: As the children move up through the school, it becomes increasingly important that they are fluent in their times tables recall. This becomes particularly important as they are required to complete more complex calculations. We practise times tables twice daily and use a chanting method to aid recall. Please ask your child to share this method with you at home and help them with practise. This term, we will be starting with the 6 times table. Next week,

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your children will be given logins for 'Times Tables Rockstars' which will allow them to practice from home. More information on this will follow soon.

PE: Weekly swimming lessons will resume on Friday 17th January. The class will also continue to benefit from sports coaching led by Forever Sports on a Thursday afternoon. This term, the children will be learning Handball in these lessons. Please make sure your child has a full, labelled PE kit in class each week for these sessions. Please note, jewellery will need to be removed or covered with tape.

Reading: Please continue to read with your children at home as often as you can. We suggest at least 3 times a week. It is also helpful to ask your child questions about what they have read. For example, predicting what might happen next or discussing a character's feelings or motivations to build inference skills. This term, St Peter's are undergoing a collective push on encouraging reading for pleasure both at home and in school. I have attached a link which has some useful ideas for how you can help your child with reading for enjoyment.

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents/learn-at-home/help-your-child-to-enjoy-reading/top-10-tips-to-help-children-enjoy-reading.html>.

We are still in need of parent helpers to listen to readers in class 3. Please let either me, or the office, know if you are able to spare any of your time. It would be hugely appreciated by the whole class!

If you would like to discuss any of the information here in further detail, or have any questions, please do come and speak to me after school. If you would prefer to meet more formally, you can arrange a meeting through the school office.

Best Wishes,

Alice Gulliford & Sarah Nelmes