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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! 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. Our termly newsletter will keep you updated on what we will be getting up to during each term. Mrs Lewis will be supporting Class 5, as well as working alongside Class 6.

It has been a fantastic first two weeks, the children have settled in quickly and made a very positive start to the year. For the first two weeks of term the class have been reading 'Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth'. It has allowed the children to reflect on and make sense of the world we are living in. The children have produced some outstanding work, which is now displayed in our school corridor.

Next week, we are kicking off our first enquiry topic of the year 'The Rainforest'. 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. This term, PE will be all afternoon on a Thursday. Children will need suitable clothing for outdoor PE as they will be out in all weathers. If possible, we would recommend wearing trainers for PE instead of daps, as they provide better support, especially for games activities. All jewelry 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.

Following on from the success of Google Classroom during lockdown and in aim of sending less home, we are going to start to set the children's homework on their Google Classroom class page. Weekly homework will include spellings, practicing on Times Table Rockstars and regular reading. Spellings will be tested in class on a Friday. 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. Please read with your child at least three times a week and sign their reading record. Children should bring their reading book and record in every day as I will be reading with the children as much as possible. As well as the weekly homework, I will be uploading some additional tasks that are designed to help the children extend their learning and take opportunities explore a range of curriculum subjects at home. Children will be encouraged to share photos or videos on the class page for us to celebrate their learning.

From this term onwards, the classes of St Peter's will be named after authors. **Class 5's new class name will be 'Palacio'**. This is named after R.J. Palacio, author of the novel 'Wonder'. The book is

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about a 10 year old boy who was born with a facial abnormality. The messages of this inspiring book include accepting differences, compassion, friendship and ultimately kindness. Palacio class have been enjoying this book during the school day.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. You can contact me via the office and I will arrange a suitable time.

I look forward to meeting you,

Miss A Dean

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