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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! I hope you had a great half term and found some time to relax. We had a fantastic start to the year in Term 1, the children really engaged themselves with our rainforest topic and produced some excellent work. I was especially impressed with the quality of the home learning that the children completed and shared on Google Classroom. This really helped the children to consolidate their learning from school at home. Class 5 have made a brilliant start to Term 2 and are already well under way with our new learning. An overview of this terms learning is attached at the end of this letter. As part of our schools curriculum development, we will now be focusing on one topic over two terms. Therefore, the children will be continuing their work on Rainforests this term. This will allow the children to gain more of an indepth understanding around the topic.

This term, PE will taught by myself on a Monday afternoon and Bristol Sport Coaches on a Thursday afternoon. Similarly to last term, please can children come to school wearing their PE kit. As we enter the colder months, please ensure children are wearing suitable clothing for outdoor PE. All jewelry must be removed for PE sessions. 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.

The homework set on Google Classroom will continue this term. It was very successful last term and I was really impressed with the quality of the work that the children were producing. Weekly homework set on Google Classroom will include spellings, practicing on Times Table Rockstars and regular reading. Spellings will be tested in class on a Friday. 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.

Please can I remind all children and families that all children should be reading and have their reading record signed at least 3 times a week. 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. I am also happy to provide recommendations on books for children based on their interests, as I know it is important to find a book they are interested in!

I understand that the new restricitons make it difficult for you to catch me at the end of the day with any questions. If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesistate to email via the office and I can arrange a telephone call. I look forward to seeing you at our Parent Info Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 4:00pm.

Kind regards, Miss A Dean