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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday. I am really looking forward to the spring term and would like to take this opportunity to share information with you about the topics we will be studying. To help you support and enjoy your child's learning experience please find a general overview of the term attached. Our main topic is a historical study of Life in Victorian Britain so if you have any resources relating to this, please send them in, appropriately labelled. Our science unit this term is Animals, including humans, which focuses on how animals and humans develop and change as they grow older.

For your information, our P.E. lessons will usually take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children will attend school in their PE kit on these days. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for outdoor and indoor wear. A white T-shirt, black/navy sweatshirt and appropriate shorts/tracksuit bottoms should be worn and trainers suitable for all weathers. Please ask if you need to check any of this information.

### **Homework Activities**

#### **Reading**

Children will be reading in class daily; this will be either independently, in a guided group or in our whole class comprehension sessions. Research has shown that children who read at home are more likely to make very good progress in all areas of learning. Please listen to your child read regularly and comment in their reading record about any successes or difficulties they may have.

#### **Spelling**

Spelling rule activities will be given out every Friday as homework. This homework needs to be returned on a Wednesday when there will be a test to assess progress. Encourage your child to revisit the spelling activity and practise until this day, to ensure they are secure with the rules and patterns. If you have any questions regarding the spelling work, please come and discuss these.

#### **Mathematics**

Children will receive an arithmetic task (10 questions) each week that needs to be practised at home to support efficiency, confidence, and accuracy with mental skills. Join in the fun by having a go yourself and competing against each other as a whole family!

#### **Homework Activity Grid**

Choose one task from the homework grid to complete each week. These tasks are all linked to topics your child will explore in class. Your support in ensuring that this is completed and returned by the due date would be greatly appreciated.

I hope that we all have an enjoyable and productive term. Thanking you, in anticipation, for your invaluable support.

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Kind regards,

Andrew Ramsbottom (Class 4 Teacher)

