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Year 6 Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school and happy New Year! Time flew very quickly in the autumn term with the children enjoying the last few weeks before Christmas, practicing concerts and enjoying class parties. The children have worked hard to complete their first SATs style papers and are continuing to improve on their pace and understanding in both English and maths.

In this half term, the children will be studying a variety of poems by Ted Hughes; looking at the use of nature and then writing their own poetry in his style. The children will also be looking at non-chronological reports focusing on the human blood system, linking to our science topic of Animals and Human. Through this topic, the children will be learning about the circulatory system, the functions of the heart and lungs and the impact of exercise.

In Geography, the children will be learning about North America- studying the climate, human and physical features. In mathematics, the children will be focusing on fractions and percentages, properties of shape and mental multiplication. We are continuing to encourage the children to use a range of arithmetic strategies such as rounding, approximation and use of the inverse to check their answers. It is essential that the children continue to build these mental skills to enable quick recall, without relying on written strategies; such as the column method.

Booster classes are now up and running, helping to consolidate the skills that are being taught in lessons. Many children are very enthusiastic about their groups and enjoy the smaller working environment.

How you can help at home:

- Listen to your child read every night
- Sign your child's homework diary every week at the week-end stating that they read for 20 minutes each day and have received/completed their homework
- Help your child learn their weekly spellings and any other SPAG work
- Practise and test your child on their times tables
- Discuss methods of completing homework (Due back every Friday)
- Monitor your child's use of electronic devices
- Teach them to pack their own bag the night before; making sure they have their homework diary and reading book
- Make sure your child arrives at school **on time** every day to enjoy a full day of learning
- Make sure they have their kits for P.E everyday.

We look forward to working with you,

Miss Hoodless, Mr Callus and Miss Stratton