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Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to welcome you and your children back for the start of a new half term. We hope that you were able to take some respite from the rigours of the school routine. With half of the school year behind us, we look forward to teaching your children on even further over the course of the next half term. As usual, we would like to ask if you can please continue to practise all the times tables and to read on a regular basis to get the children back into the swing of it all.

In our foundation subjects, we will be starting a number of new topics. In History we will be studying the topic 'The Anglo-Saxons vs the Vikings', where the children will learn about the struggle of the Kingdom of England. We are also privileged to have Tik-Tok, (our specialised Drama teacher) work with the year group this half term. In Science, we will continue and finish our topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials' and then complete the next unit 'Animals Inc. Humans', where the children will learn about changes that happen during old age. Clarinet lessons will continue on a Monday and throughout the year, so please encourage your children to practise and ensure they have their clarinets every week so they can partake in the lessons.

In PE we will starting a Dance unit. Please ensure that the children remember their indoor PE kits for their designated PE day. 5U will swim at Becontree Leisure Centre and will therefore need their swimming kit every week on Wednesday. Due to the weather, no one will be swimming at the school pool this half term.

In order to support your children here at John Perry, please continue to read with them at home and help them complete their homework. Also, with attendance figures rising, please continue to bring your child to school every day on time in order to ensure they are not missing a minute of the school day.

Please ensure that any reading is recorded in the children's reading journals. We understand how important it is to work together in order to make your child flourish academically, socially and emotionally. We look forward to working together as your child progresses further through Year 5.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Lewis, Miss VanHaefden and Mr Callus (The Year 5 Team)

