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Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and a warm welcome to everyone at the start of our Spring term. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday - thank you for all our lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We have another busy and exciting term ahead of us! The children have settled back to routines well and made an excellent start to the new term. This term we are focussing on our PSHE topic of "Learning to Learn for the future".

Science Museum
We are very excited to soon be heading to the Science Museum on our class trip on Tuesday 20th January. Children will need to be in school by 8:40 am and we will return in the afternoon by 4:00pm.

Curriculum
This term under our topic area we will be having a Geography focus: **Biomes and Climate zones**, and in particular the rainforest and marine biomes and the impact that humans are having on these areas. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths, Science and Foundation Subject focus areas for this term.

Reading
Children need to bring their reading books and yellow reading logs every day. Please continue to encourage children to read for pleasure at home regularly - we suggest 15 minutes a day independently and/or to an adult or older sibling. Reading logs should be kept up-to-date and children will have a chance to share the vocabulary they have collected.

Homework
As well as reading at home, spelling homework plus maths (linked to their learning in class or to help with fluency in a maths skill such as timestables) will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set instead linked to another area of the curriculum that we are studying. The weekly homework will be stuck into each child's green homework book to take home on Fridays and it needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

PE
This term PE will continue to take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The children will need to come to school in their PE kits with their Camp School jumper on for PE days. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed for PE days. During the school day, the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school.

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 5 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day or email the school office and we will get back to you.
Best wishes,

The Year 5 team