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Dear Parents

Welcome to the New Year! I would like to start off by saying a big thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. I hope that you all managed to have an enjoyable break. Whilst this isn't going to be a typical term in school, in this letter I would like to give you some information about what your children will be learning this term. I've been really impressed with how well children have taken to Google Meets so far. Their attitude and confidence towards contributing have grown a lot since starting them and it is really great to be a part of these short learning stints. The Google Meets shall continue to be two 10 – 15 minute sessions a day with an additional Meet on a Friday at 2pm. Children will be told in advance if it is their turn to share.

Geography

In Geography we shall be looking at the continent of Africa. We shall be exploring the country of Kenya more closely and looking at different land uses, ways of life, animals and artwork. Key skills for this topic will be comparing and contrasting, asking questions and making suggestions about ways to reduce water consumption. This Geography topic has got lots of opportunities for links to English and Art, which we will be making the most of.

Science

In Science our new area of learning is materials. We shall be looking at what different materials there are, what we use materials for and the properties of materials that make them a suitable or unsuitable material for different objects. We shall be looking at different scenarios where we need to make an object and conducting experiments to see which material works best.

Computing

In computing we will be learning about E-Safety. This seems really fitting with the current status of learning. We shall be looking into sharing information online, what comments are appropriate and inappropriate and how we can make sure that we are being safe online. The past year has taught us a lot about the benefits of using technology alongside our learning so it is really important that children understand the responsibility that comes with being online.

Homework and Reading

I shall not be setting homework in the same way this term. Please remember to use Mathletics and SpellingShed regularly and to read with your child as often as possible. I shall post any links I find to useful websites with access to books onto the Google Classroom Stream. I would encourage any form of reading; reading recipes, looking at comics and even looking at crosswords and word puzzles.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, do get in touch with us at school. We believe that learning is most effective when it is a partnership between school and home. The children have had an excellent start so far and I am looking forward to teaching them remotely and to see them return to school, when possible.

Yours sincerely

Miss Higson