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Dear Parents,

Spring Term Homework letter

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Christmas break. I'm sure that the children are raring to go as they are such an enthusiastic group of learners! Our topic this term focuses on Geography: Planet Earth, which will include learning around the continents and oceans across the world, the tectonic plates and what tectonic activity results in.

Our homework this term is as follows:

- Two pieces of homework that will be set (and due in) on a Tuesday and a Thursday. I have been impressed by the general quality of homework and how it's presented with both care and accuracy.
- The children will still have spellings every Thursday to learn. It is really important that these spellings are practiced so that they can be applied in their day-to-day writing.
- Children should continue to practise their times tables regularly. In Year 5 this is extremely important. Not knowing your tables at this stage makes working accurately difficult and frustrating for the children. Over the last term, the children really impressed me with the progress that they have made in this year, but as we move towards learning about long multiplication, times table knowledge will be invaluable to the children. Five minutes a day is much more effective than a once a week effort.
- It's a good idea to send PE kits in on a Monday and keep them in all week but feel free to send in a warmer (mud-friendly) kit for the outdoor sessions on a Wednesday.

Class 5 are avid readers and regularly impress me when I check their reading diaries on a Monday. Please ensure that children are writing into their diaries themselves and that they are using it as an opportunity to provide a short gist of what has happened in their reading. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Hartwright