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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had an enjoyable half-term break.

Topic

We have already begun our new topic, 'Long Walk to Freedom', which will be focusing on Nelson Mandela and on the geography and culture of Africa, particularly South Africa. Further details of planned learning can be found on the topic web.

Please also refer to the timetable which has some changes this term, most notably **Welly Wednesdays**, which replaces Welly Walks on a Friday as they were last term. As previously communicated to you, we will now be visiting the local woods, to enable us to extend the children's learning experiences. Bugs Class will be joining us but will remain in a separate Bubble at all times. Children should come to school dressed for the outdoors, whatever the weather, with their school uniform in a bag.

P.E. will continue to be on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons with me. Please continue to support your child/ren's independence as they practise with buttons, shoes and zips at home.

Home Learning

Reading Packs will continue to be sent home every Monday, with three reading books for the week to be shared with you. Please send these packs back to school every Friday, even if your child has not read the books. This enables me to communicate with you via the Reading Diary and to annotate their Maths target sheet and word target sheet (for those that have them). Please ensure these sheets are always in the Reading Pack.

In addition to the above, Year 1 children will find weekly topic related tasks on the Key Stage 1 homework grid. Please continue to share photos of work completed, via the eSchools Academy (or emailed to the school office if there are any problems with this).

Nativity

We are planning to have a Christmas performance and are currently looking at the best way to do this with the current pandemic. More details will follow.

Finally, as the weather turns colder, please ensure your child always has a warm coat at school as we go outside every day.

If you have any queries or questions on any issue throughout the term, please do not hesitate to email the office or catch me after school.

With kind regards,

Emma Ricca

