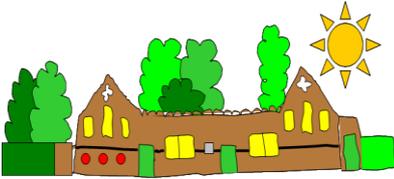


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Dear Parents,

Welcome back

Welcome back to a particularly busy term at Hackleton. Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. I know the children were all ready for a rest, so hopefully they will be raring to go again.

This term is particularly busy and important because we aim to get the children working hard and prepared for the end of Key Stage assessments in May. As always, I will be trying my best to ensure the curriculum is balanced and varied, however we need to make sure the children are as ready as possible to show their full potential in the SATs.

Our topic is a geography based topic on rainforests. The children will: complete map work; find out about tribes and trading; investigate plants and animals and compare rainforests to other environments.

Our English work will all be linked to our new class text 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will be reading it as a class over the term and drawing on themes and ideas from the book to produce our own writing and to link a lot of our grammar and punctuation work to it.

In science, we will be looking at the classification of living things including micro-organisms, plants and animals by observing their differences and similarities.

Spellings – Spelling tests are on a Thursday and the new set of spellings are given out directly after the test. For this reason it is important that the children have the **yellow spelling book** in school on a Thursday. Lists are being lost and some children are not building up a bank of spellings as they are completing them on loose sheets. These books can also be used as evidence when a moderator assesses the children's attainment for spelling.

Reading – I would like the children to **always** have a reading book with them in school. This can be selected from home or the school library. The library is open from 8.45 – 8.55am and every lunchtime for year 6 children. The children should be reading **at least 3 times a week** at home and must have their **reading record** in school every day. More information about 'Accelerated Reading' to follow shortly.

Homework – Homework is set every Thursday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. It consists of a piece of English work and a maths activity. This is in addition to regular reading and spelling practice.

PE/Games – Friday afternoons. The children are aware that we are concerned about the lack of correct PE kit in year 6. I have spoken to the class about this and suggested that **it is their responsibility to get this kit organised in order to prepare for life in secondary school and to show some independence.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank –you for your continued support this year.

Kind regards
Jo Roberts