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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are all well rested.

Please find attached to this letter a copy of our Topic web for this half term.

A few things to know:

Class read: As well as reading themselves, a class novel is read to them too. This term, we will start reading **'Who Let the Gods Out' by Maz Evans**. This novel links nicely to our topic after half term, related to Ancient Greece. If your children have a copy, or would like to get themselves a copy, or even grab a copy from the library to follow along with us in class, please feel free to bring one in. This will be a novel that the class will simply enjoy as our English units this half term focus on writing for effect using 'The Tunnel' and 'Jungle Drop' as model texts to pull techniques from.

Homework: It will be expected that the following requirements are fulfilled for homework:

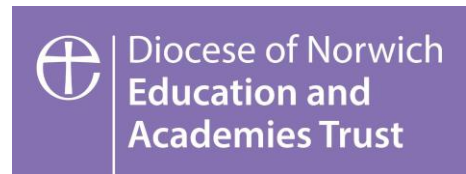
- Regular practise of spellings and to read, with an adult (at least a few times a week) and I will be completing a reading log check each week, on a Tuesday to check this is happening;
- Practising of times tables daily (if you are one with a Tables Book) with testing of these being on a Monday, so they will need their book in school on that day;
- Taking part with the set Sumdog challenge that will be set weekly (set on Tuesdays to be completed by the following Monday).

Topic & Curriculum: Out Spring term is dedicated to HISTORY, with our first focus this half term being on the MAYA CIVILISATION. After half term, we will be focusing on ANCIENT GREECE.

Forest school & PE: Please remember that on Forest school days, your child will be required to come to school dressed in their forest school attire. The week the class are not doing forest school, they will be doing PE with Miss Leftley. **Our first Forest school is Thursday 11th January. This week it is PE.**

YOUNG LEADERS:

Year 5, this half term will be getting the opportunity to complete their Young Leaders course. They will learn how to organise others and plan and carry out PE based activities and games. Year 6's last year thoroughly



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enjoyed this and used their skills in a PE session with Reception so it is hoped we can carry this out again this year.

AOB:

- As always, earrings need to be taken out on PE days (Thursdays & Fridays). All children need to be responsible for the taking out and putting in of their own earrings.
- Please ensure all children are wearing the appropriate clothing for both forest school and PE which is in line with the school's requirements.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us or drop us a line. Mrs Reddey can be e-mailed on creddey@sw.n.dneat.org **(within school hours only)**. Alternatively, you can message the school office or speak to us at drop off or pick up times.

Happy learning!

With warm regards,

Mrs Reddey, Miss Leftley & Mrs Sizeland