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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you a very happy New Year.

Please find the below summary of what we will be exploring in Term 3.

In English, we will begin *'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'* by Michael Morpurgo to develop our story telling skills, which fits with our theme of Extreme Weather. We will then continue to look at the textless book *'Flood'* by Alvaro F. Villa, using the images to create our own pieces of writing. In guided reading, we are looking closely at *'The Wreck of the Zanzibar'* to ensure we understand the story, and also to develop our inference and comprehension skills.

In Maths, we will be finishing off our unit on statistics, looking at graphs, discrete and continuous data and we will begin looking at area and fractions. We will investigate these using a variety of practical and visual strategies.

In Science we are looking at solids, liquids and gases. We will learn the difference between them, classifying different materials and looking at their particles. We will look at measuring temperature, evaporation and condensation and the water cycle.

In Computing we have looked at some simple coding last term. This term we will look at technology in our lives. We will investigate how a search engine works and understand what the search results mean. We will also begin looking at websites and how to create our own website.

In Geography, our topic is extreme weather, so we will look at weather in various parts of the world. We have had a brief look at a few facts about extreme weather, but we will be looking more in depth at how these extreme weathers are created.

In PE, we are fortunate enough to have two PE slots this term! We have our first session on a Wednesday afternoon, and our second session on a Friday afternoon. **Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing.** If your child has pierced ears, please ensure they do not wear earrings, or that they are able to take them out on these days, as they are unable to wear them in PE for their safety. If your child is unable to participate in PE for any reason, please inform me.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of Maths and Spellings alongside English or a research project. Please also read with your child as often as possible.

We had a fantastic trip to visit the Mandir this week! We learnt a lot about the Hindu religion and were able to see a Hindu ceremony. We got a chance to see how the temple was built and ask some questions. Below are a couple of photos from the trip!

If there is anything you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to see me. Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
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