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Curriculum

Last week, the children found out which topic they will be learning about in school this term. Each class has a theme linked to the geography curriculum. I have already been impressed by how much the children enjoy learning about a different part of the world. You will find the new curriculum plans under the "Curriculum" section of the school website.

Staffing Update

Miss Easton has recently been appointed as a teaching assistant. She will be based in our year 3 class working closely with Miss Kenny. She has already helped some children in this class to read more fluently and will continue with this work.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to year 5 for having an attendance of more than 98%. Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
90.45%	96.3%	97.69%	91.26%	91.3%	98.92%	91.59%	93.9%

Word of the Month

We must allow our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in January:

- Year 1 - typhoon
- Year 2 - overhead
- Year 3 - relinquish
- Year 4 - indignant
- Year 5 - inexplicable
- Year 6 - conscientious

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Parent Governor

The governors want to recruit a parent governor to support and challenge the school. The person would need to have the time to attend meetings and visit the school regularly. This role is unpaid. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school's reception to ask for an Expressions of Interest form.

Special Mentions

Well done to all the children who received certificates and positive leaves in our first achievements assembly of the term. Like last term, we will be putting the leaves on our rainbow tree in the school reception.

Dates for Your Diary

Below are the upcoming dates for the spring term. Further details about these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Year 4 Mayan Workshop	Wednesday 19th January
Years 2 and 6 SATS information for parents	Thursday 20th January
World Book Day	Thursday 3rd March
Year 6 visit to The Deep	Friday 4th March
Parents' evening	Monday 7th March
Year 1 visit to Abbey House Museum	Friday 11th March
Upper Foundation Stage Superhero Day	Wednesday 16th March
Governors' meeting	Monday 21st March
Lower Foundation Stage Farm Visit	Tuesday 22nd March
Year 5 Brazil Workshop	Wednesday 23rd March
Key Stage 1 Mother's Day Assembly	Thursday 24th March
Year 2 visit to Pontefract Castle	Friday 25th March
Year 3 visit to Trinity Walk	Monday 28th March

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher