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Happy New Year to you all! Thank you so very much for all of your very generous gifts at Christmas! Welcome back to Term 3 and what a busy term it will be! The children are looking refreshed and all set for term 3 of P6!

<u>Literacy</u>

This term, to coincide with our new topic, we will be doing a whole class novel study on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Most of our literacy activities including reading, writing, listening and talking will come from this study. Children will not be in reading groups for this, instead they will be working with a reading partner to understand the text in greater depth. Spelling practice will continue and we aim to transfer our new accurate spellings into our writing.

Numeracy and Maths

We will be moving onto exploring and working with fractions and percentages. It is important to keep up with regular practice at home with times tables to help with these topics. Basic maths facts will be ongoing in class, to help children make quick mental calculations. In maths we will begin a topic on data handling and look at the different ways of interpreting data. We will also look at the mean, median, mode and range.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This term we are moving onto another new and exciting topic - The Rainforest. We will be exploring map skills, climate zones, food webs, habitats and the impact of deforestation. The children will also investigate how animals and plants adapt to life in the rainforest.

<u>Health & Wellbeing</u>

In Health and Wellbeing, as a class, we are focussing on friendships and building our resilience. This includes knowing what to do when we are upset and how best to independently handle disputes with friends. This will be done as part of a regular Circle Time.

P6 will also be beginning their work on Keeping Myself Safe this term.

<u>Home Learning</u>

For most of the term, the children will not be given weekly reading homework due to the consuming nature of the class novel study. I will notify you when home reading returns. In the meantime, I would encourage the children to read a book of their own choice for at least 15 minutes twice a week. LOLs will continue to be given on a three-week rotation. Please encourage your child to hand this in within the set time to enable the whole class to go over their fantastic efforts together in the time planned. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Additional Information

P6 will have PE on a Monday with me, the class teacher and on a Wednesday with Mrs Jones the PE Specialist. Mr McDonald teaches Music to P6 on a Thursday.

Thank you all for your continuing support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if a problem arises, Susie Turnbull.