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Dear Koala families,

Welcome back! Thank you very much for your kind gifts at the end of last term (and Tuesday!) We hope you had an enjoyable break.

Topics:

In history we will be learning about WW2. Closer to Christmas, we will be making some WW2 style Christmas decorations. If anyone has any old Christmas cards (used!) that they no longer want, please can they send them in.

In geography we will be learning about map reading. I am hoping to organise a trip to practise these skills in a real-life setting.

In computing our main topic is publishing and children will be learning skills to create new documents. We will also continue to stress the importance of online safety.

In art, we will be studying Pablo Picasso and attempting to create some artworks in a similar style.

In DT, we will be making electronic Christmas cards.

In RE, children will be studying Judaism, Christmas and creation stories.

In science, children will be learning about sound and properties and changes of materials.

Assuming there is no return to Covid based restrictions, we have lots of exciting events planned in for this term:

School visitors:

In September, as part of the **Appledore book festival**, we will be welcoming Patrice Lawrence to our school. We will be selling books for signing nearer the time.

In October, as part of **diversity week**, we will be learning about diverse lives from a guide dog user, a sign language user and a Paralympian. The event with the Paralympian will be a sponsored event, and we will send out more details about this next week.

School trips:

In December, we have an exciting whole school trip to the theatre in Barnstaple to see the pantomime.

School events:

There will hopefully be two occasions for the children to perform this term. First will be harvest, and then later on, we are hoping to be able to return to our annual Christmas play.



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Homelearning

There will be three parts to the home learning this half term. Firstly, we hope children will continue to enjoy **reading for pleasure** at home. We look for a minimum of three signed entries in the reading record, but children will get a house point for every time they read that is signed by an adult. Ideally, children should be reading to an adult as this really helps with comprehension and vocabulary extension.

Secondly, children will need to spend some time on **Nessy**. Like reading, we ask that children spend at least ten minutes, three times a week on this. Children will get a house point for each 5-10 minute session they spend on there. Please can adults sign in the reading record to say when this has taken place. If children have finished the Nessy programme (they will know if they have) they can spend time on the vocabulary work on readingwise instead. (Children will be using this programme in school and log in details are in their reading records.)

Thirdly, we ask that children spend some time on **Timestable Rockstars**. Again 5-10 minutes, three or more times per week. Children will get a housepoint for each session they spend on there. Please sign to say this has taken place in their reading records.

With all the homework, the key is little and often. It is much more effective to practise a skill a little over several days, rather than in one big block per week. As the children are in year five and six, they should be more than capable of recording all the reading/Nessy/Trockstar sessions in their reading records themselves, and then all busy parents need to do in sign next to what the children have written, to confirm it took place. Adults can of course continue to write it in themselves if they would prefer.

Hopefully all the above is clear, but if it is not, it is now much easier for you to pop in and see us at the end or beginning of the day. Please make an appointment if you feel you need a longer session though.

Regards,

Mrs Gough



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