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Dear Parents,

Voyager Class Curriculum Newsletter

We would like to welcome the children of Voyager Class back to school for the spring term 2020! We hope that you had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

For this half-term our research question is: **'How does the natural force of water lead to ground breaking designs and ingenious constructions?'** For an overview of the class plans, please see the medium term overview plans which are available on the website.

Being a third of the way through the academic year, we continue to encourage all of our children to be increasingly independent and prepared for everything that our school can offer. To this end, could you please ensure that your son/daughter has a fully equipped pencil case which should include as a bare minimum: a pencil; pencil sharpener; rubber; short ruler; whiteboard pen; glue stick and a highlighter. Unfortunately, the increasingly popular 'frixion' pens are not permitted in school due to the chemical reaction that occurs in the presence of heat. If your child has a selection of these pens, please could we ask that they are used for writing at home and homework only as it would be a shame for a child to lose a term's work due to placing the book on a radiator or by a sunny window. Children should also take their school reading/homework diary, reading book and spelling log home with them every day. The school does not have an unlimited supply of stationery and valuable time can be wasted when children do not have the equipment they need or have left essentials at home.

English homework will continue to be set on Thursdays and alternate between reading comprehensions and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) activities each week. Reading will be set on odd weeks and SPAG on even weeks. Maths will be set on Friday and should be handed in by the following week. Spellings are also given each week for the children to learn and both will be tested on Fridays. As a suggested guideline, homework should take 30 minutes to complete and we are more than happy for you to help your child with this when necessary. Please let us know if you have helped by writing a note on the work. If children are unsure of the task they can come and discuss it with us during the week. There is also a spare homework box in the back of the classroom should your child mislay a piece of work – the children know where this is!

As ever, we also encourage children to read independently and with their parents at least four times a week. They should record their reading in their reading diaries and please could we also ask you to record in the reading diary when you hear your child read.

We have sent a separate letter to our Year 6 parents about the SATs in May and the boosting sessions this term.

If you need to speak with one of us or our SENCO, Miss McLaurie, please don't hesitate to come in at the end of the day to arrange a convenient time.

We look forward to another fantastic term!

Yours sincerely,

Tamara Pembleton, Julie Williams, Emily Rackham and Joanne Stephens