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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you to everyone for your wishes, cards and presents. It was so very kind of you.

Our History theme is The Maya Civilisation and in Geography it will be North and South America and populations. Science themes will be Light and Forces and our famous scientist is Chu Ming Silveira. In Art and Design, we will explore art and religion. Attached to this letter is a curriculum overview for the spring term.

Homework will continue to be set on Thursday via the Seesaw App. Homework is expected to be completed by Tuesday of the following week. We encourage parental involvement in homework, especially if your child is experiencing difficulties. However, if they do need further support, please advise them to come and see me, or Mrs Jones for Maths, or via Seesaw.

Weekly spellings, and the associated spelling rule, will continue to be sent on a Monday via Seesaw. The children will need to learn their weekly spellings, and its rule, ready for a spelling test on Thursday of the same week. Your child will upload a photograph onto Seesaw of their completed spelling test and score. Children who make more than one mistake will be able to practise the ones they got wrong ready to be retested on Friday. It is very important that your child develops confidence in spelling a range of familiar and unfamiliar words as well as understanding the rules that need to be applied to spell such words. Therefore, your support in helping your child is very much appreciated.

Children should read at home (independently and to an adult) on a regular basis (daily if possible but at least 3 times a week). These should be recorded in your child's reading record book. Their reading record book and reading book need to be in school every day so that adults in school can hear your child read and record their comments. It is also important to discuss what your child has read to help develop their reading comprehension skills.

On a Monday and Tuesday, the children will have P.E for part of the afternoon. For these lessons, your child needs to bring in a pair of navy/black/grey tracksuit trousers/jogging trousers/shorts/skort, a white t-shirt/polo shirt and daps/trainers. Please ensure your child has the correct kit for these P.E. lessons and that all items, including their school uniform, are clearly labelled. No jewellery is to be worn, and earrings must be removed.

Please refer to the school app and newsletter to find out which dates your child will be involved in Forest School and the clothing they need to wear.

I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child's continued happiness and safety and to enable them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to email me ([ltaylor@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:ltaylor@goodrich.hereford.sch.uk)) or see me at the end of the school day or make an appointment via the office.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kind regards

*Mrs Taylor*

