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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Autumn Term 2. Yet again the children have returned with enthusiasm and gusto, ready to discover new facts and interesting topics.

**Topic:**

This half term our History topic is called 'The Shang Dynasty'. We will be learning about Chinese Emperors, the social hierarchy and the use of secondary sources to answer research questions. Our science topic 'Forces and Magnets' will see the children investigating the impact different surfaces have on forces and how magnets work. We are reading *The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean. We will use the book to inspire us to write our own adventure story.

The children will regularly be using their Knowledge Organisers, so it would be wonderful if you could also continue this learning at home by asking questions about their topic, based on the facts found on the Knowledge Organisers. The children love to play games with them, such as "How many facts can you recall in a minute" or "Fastest Finger – Who can find a particular fact the quickest?"

**Physical Education:**

PE this half term will be on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing as Monday's PE is outside.

**Homework:**

Finally, please do continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week (in line with the Home Learning Policy) and sign the Home School Book. Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and go on Times Tables Rock Stars. We are now practising our times tables at school and can see the impact TT Rock Stars is having. Keep up the good work! By the end of Year 5, your child should know all their multiplication and corresponding division facts and be able to recall each fact within 6 seconds confidently. Practising daily really does make a huge difference! Spellings will be given out on a Monday and also tested on Monday, giving the children the weekend to practise. These are important because they are linked to the English learning every week.

Other key dates to remember are:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Final day of Autumn term

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Taylor and Mrs Darley