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Dear Parents,

Welcome back Willow Class! We are looking forward to an exciting year in our Year 4/5 class. Our first topic is 'The Great Outdoors' combining aspects of the Year 4 and 5 national curriculum to suit our learners. Please see our topic overview, however be mindful this can change due to child-led learning.

- **Reading books** - Please could you listen to your child read at least three times a week. There are many children in class who are very capable and confident with their reading. However, it is still important that they experience reading aloud to an adult to develop their fluency. Reading books and records need to be in school every day for quiet reading sessions; the records will also be checked. Children can read a range of books at home and these can also be recorded to show their enjoyment of reading. Thanks for your support with this.
- **Spellings** for this term will be given on a Monday, tested following Monday. Please could you help your child learn their spellings. These can also be learnt independently with the Look, Cover, Write, Check sheets given.
- **Homework** for this term will be dependent on the learning on each given week (date given and date to be returned will be recorded by the children in their homework diaries). If a child is finding something particularly tricky they may be given something extra to try at home. This year we aim to encourage more independence and responsibility so please ensure homework diaries are in school as they will be used weekly. Any help given to your child with their homework is really beneficial to them and much appreciated by school. Some homework is marked and handed back to children, whereas other pieces are stuck in their books.
- **PE** is on Wednesdays and Fridays - usual rules apply: named kit, no earrings, and long hair to be tied back. Swimming for Year 5 only is on Thursdays - please see the separate letter for information.
- **Outdoor curriculum** - This year we are lucky enough to have the support of Pam on Tuesday afternoons to enable us to take our learning outdoors. This will happen come rain or shine, so please ensure appropriate clothes/wellies are in school.
- **Water bottles** should be brought to school freshly filled in the morning and they should be taken home on a weekend. The children can top them up from the class water fountain.

If you have any concerns or would just like to see how your child is working please feel free to call in to see me after school.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Connolly