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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely October school week. P6/7 are back looking refreshed and bright eyed with an eager attitude for another term. We are all settling in well together and are now well into a structured routine.

#### Topic Work

This term we are continuing with our topic on The Rainforest. The children have generated so much interest and so many research questions on this topic we are so keen to learn more! P7 will also be getting the opportunity to work with the Drugs Development Officer from the Castle Project for a 5 week block to talk to them about Drugs Awareness. During this term, P6 will be studying Reproduction, information letters regarding this will be issued at a later date.

#### Health and Wellbeing

Our P.E. slots this term are a Monday afternoon and Wednesday afternoon with our new P.E. specialist. The children are working hard in P.E. and are beginning to develop strong links as working as a team. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you remind the children to bring in suitable P.E. kit for the appropriate days.

#### Literacy

Our core reading programme is still working well and the children are all engaging well with their reading books and follow up activities. Our writing this term is focussing on speech writing and persuasive writing.

#### Maths

Maths setting continues in the school and children are now familiar with their maths setting teacher.

### Homework

Homework will be given this term in longer "challenge blocks." This means that children will be issued with a homework exercise (for example a piece of writing) and will have 2 weeks to complete the exercise. I would be so grateful if you would be able to help your child during these more extended tasks to give encouragement and a helping hand if needed!

### Modern Languages

P7 are still continuing with their French input with Mrs Bell and P6 are working very well with Mrs Bell in German.

### RME

The children are working through an RME topic this term called "The Journey of Life." The children will be exploring their own time line so far, marking significant times of their life and reflecting on these.

### Assessment is for Learning

The children are becoming familiar with different forms of assessment. On a regular basis the children receive feedback from each other and correct their own work. This is proving very beneficial to the children as they are reflecting on their work and giving very constructive advice to their peers on how to improve.

### Active Learning

We remain a very active classroom! The children are enjoying taking part in co-operative learning tasks, writing trios, spelling activities and games relating to our topic. The children enjoy this type of learning and their knowledge from the active approach is being demonstrated through their ability when answering questions and completing written work.

I look forward to another exciting term in P6/7 and I'm sure the children are too. I hope you are happy so far with your child's progress and if there are ever any issues or concerns you may have please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number.

Regards,  
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