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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a fantastic half term. Hopefully, your child/children will be looking forward to continuing our topic based on The Stone Age/Iron Age in Robins class. I will be linking many areas of the curriculum to these historical areas of learning.
Our topics this half term will include:

- Science - Rocks and Fossils cont.
- RE - Is Scripture central to religion?
- French – Parts of the body and animal names
- DT – Torches (Electrical systems).
- Music – Ukulele and carol service practice.
- PE – Team building skills.
- PSHE – How can I take care of my mind and body? How can we respect each other?
- English - 'Fox' by Margaret Wild. 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane.

I expect the children to be full of energy, ready for the busy and exciting lead up to Christmas. Below, outlines some of the things that I ask the children (with your support) to focus on:

Reading

We ask that all children read as regularly as they can. To help them with this, I shall, initially, be setting the children weekly targets. For some children, there is a huge reluctance to pick up a book, and I have found that targets enable them to engage more successfully with this. Regular reading really benefits the children and helps them to develop their comprehension and vocabulary skills. It would also be very helpful if you could support this by encouraging them to complete their targets, signing this off once it is completed. I will be checking their Home Contact book, each week.

Spelling

Spelling lessons are on Friday, which will be the day that the spelling test is given. On this day, a new list will be given out for them to learn, ready for their test on the following Friday. Each year group will be given a different set of spellings to learn, which fall in line with the National Curriculum statutory spelling standards. Some children will be given a reduced number of spellings to focus on and learn, depending on their learning needs. Again, we ask for your support with this; encouraging your children to learn these, as frequently as they can.

Times Tables

This is a very important part of their learning, as it is the foundation that children will build upon for them to tackle all areas of maths. They will also need to be secure on learning the inverse of their tables. For example: 6X5=30 30/5=6 30/6=5. On Friday, they will be working on their Times Table Olympics, which will enable them to move up levels and see the progress that they are making. The children will be awarded a certificate, when they have completed each phase.

Please could the children could bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for their **healthy snack** at break time and a bottle of water.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns either via email or on ClassDojo. Please take into consideration that I may not see a message on ClassDojo till the next day dependant on the time it was sent to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jo Griffiths
Class Teacher