

Dear Year 5,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you had a restful break, and enjoyed some time doing lovely things with friends and family. Thank you so much for all of the lovely cards, gifts and Christmas wishes. We are very grateful for your kindness!

We have lots of fun plans for this term, and are so excited to get stuck into our learning. You have hit the ground running this week, impressing us with your excellent work ethic, respectful behaviour and impeccable manners. We just know we are going to have another fantastic term! This letter is packed full of vital information, so please read it carefully, and share it with your grown ups.

Our theme this term is Down In The Jungle! We will be focusing on South America, learning about it's human and physical geography, as well as climate. We will also be learning about the climate of the wider world.

As you know, PE kit is to be worn to school on PE days, which are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. You do not need to wear or bring your school uniform to school on those days. PE kit should consist of a white t shirt and navy blue shorts. Tracksuit bottoms and a jumper may be worn as well, but these should be **navy blue**. If you have a sports club, please wear your school uniform and bring kit to change into at the end of the day.

To ensure our classroom is well ventilated, the windows will need to be kept open. With that in mind, please ensure you always have your school jumper with you; the classroom may be slightly chillier than in the past. We have set up a regular hand washing timetable, which all children (and adults!) must adhere to. We will also be cleaning desks and touch points throughout the day.

Water bottles are to be kept at your desks and we will encourage you to stay hydrated throughout the day. You **must bring a water bottle from home**, and it must go home to be cleaned at the end of every day.

Homework will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday or Thursday, and will be due the following Wednesday or Thursday. We will always clearly communicate the due date for each piece. Homework tasks will usually be shared on Google Classroom, but we will provide paper copies for those who are unable to access from home. Spellings will be sent home as usual, and arithmetic papers will come home every other week. Just a gentle reminder, that you must look at 3 of the questions to attempt to improve your score by at least 3 (or just up top full marks if that isn't possible). Don't forget, there are biscuits on offer for everyone who improves by 3!

Parents, as you know, we are still asking you not to come into the school building. With that in mind, if you have a message for us and haven't managed to catch us in the playground or at the classroom door, please either email or call the office ([admin@st-andrews.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-andrews.plymouth.sch.uk) or 01752 201660). These messages will always be forwarded to us, and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as we can.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,

Mrs King, Mr Napier and Mrs Duboisson