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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas and are now ready for a fantastic 2020 in school. Thank you all for your very kind Christmas wishes and lovely gifts.

Our theme for the Spring term is 'Transport and the Travel'.

In History our focus will be on how transport has changed over time. In Geography we will be focusing on naming and locating the 7 continents and the oceans of the world. In English, we will be working to further develop our setting description through our planning and writing of a Warning Tale.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning by listening to them read at least **4 nights** a week. Both yours and their comments on their reading are much appreciated. It is especially important that you discuss the books with your child to ensure they have a clear understanding of what they have read. It is fantastic that some children in the class are now reaching 100 nights reading since September- Well done!

Please continue to work through the spelling lists as well as revising all the sounds of Phases 2-5. It would be helpful if you could put the spelling words in context for your child. By putting the words into a sentence your child will learn not only the new spellings but also when to apply any new words introduced. For phase 6 this term, the children are learning to spell the common exception words.

Homework books will again be sent home on a Wednesday and collected on a Monday. This term, there may at times, be additional Spelling and Maths practice. It would also be helpful if you could continue to practise mental maths at home, for example, pairs of numbers to 20, 2, 5 and 10 times tables (coins are good for this!) and the inverse as division. We will be also learning about multiplication and division and position and direction.

Forest School will continue to be on a **Monday** and P.E. will continue to be taught on a **Wednesday**.

If you have any issues which you need to discuss with me please feel free to make an appointment. Please keep sharing all the exciting things you do on the dojo as we will share these in class.

Kindest regards

Mr Cambridge, Mrs Webb and Mrs Elwes.