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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to thank all of you for your wonderful support during the Autumn term, we had a great term and all the work that the children produced was fantastic. I am very excited for our next term in year 3 and I know the children are very much looking to our new topic.

Our topic for this term is the Rainforest. In Literacy, we will be looking at the fictional story 'The Great Kapok Tree' and studying this to help us to write our own rags to riches story. This story will enable the children to learn a lot about the rainforest and will lead to discussions about what had happened to our rainforests around the world. In our non-fiction literacy lessons we will be looking at information texts about animals from the rainforest and exploring these before the children will then write their own. We will be using ICT to complete research and further our knowledge on animals that we may have never heard of before! This topic will allow the children to explore their skills and learn new ones, including geographic and historical skills.

In science, the children will be learning about light. This will include looking at light and dark, reflections and shadows. In ICT, the children will be able to explore maps and google maps and further their understanding of this as well as beginning to look at how programmes are created on the computer and looking at creating their own.

We will continue to have PE on a Tuesday afternoon so please make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school on a Tuesday, including trainers. If your child has their ears pierced please make sure they are able to remove their earrings themselves or have plasters with them to cover their earrings. Please also make sure that any child with long hair either has it tied up on a Tuesday or has a hairband in their PE kit as their hair does need to be tied up for PE. It is still fine for your child to leave their PE kit at school when we don't have PE, this is often useful in case they need to change for any reason. Please also make sure that your child continues to come to school with a named water bottle every day.

I will continue to set spellings on a Monday and My Maths will be uploaded on a Thursday. Every child has a My Maths log in which all the children have been given. If you would like a copy of this please let me know and I can sort this for you. We will

continue to read every morning in school so please ensure that your child is bringing their reading record and reading book to school every day. I do still expect the children to be reading at home every evening and it is great to see that so many of them have been doing this. Thank you all for your support with working with the children at home on their spellings, maths and reading during the Autumn term.

We will still have the voluntary readers that come in and read with the children once a week, if you or anyone you know would like to join us as a voluntary reader please contact the office regarding this.

In terms of trips this term, we will be going to Crocodiles of the World on the 29th January. The children are very excited for the trip and it will be a great informative day. If you would like to come along as a volunteer that would be really appreciated, please let me know if this is something you are interested in.

Our outcome for this term will be held on Thursday 14th February at 13:20pm until about 2pm. I look forward to seeing you many of you there!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding anything to do with the above or anything to do with your child. You can still catch me before the bell or at the end of the day when your child is being collected. Mrs Gregory will continue to have the class on a Thursday and will be available at these times on a Thursday if you need to speak to her.

Thank you again for your continuous support and I look forward to another great term with class 3.

Miss Longworth ☺