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Dear Families

Welcome to the new term and Happy New Year!

We've launched our new project for the term, Wild Water, by looking at flooding, whirlpools, rapids, tsunamis and storms at sea, listened to a song about rivers across the world that we will be learning later in the term and used drama to begin our understanding of solids, liquids and gases. We will be producing our own water cycle in class soon too! Our focus will be rivers, particularly their formation, but we will also look at mountains and coasts to enrich our geographical knowledge and skills. Our project has cross-curricula links with literacy, science, maths, art and even PE! We're focusing on gymnastics this term - please ensure your child is equipped for this every Thursday (there were a growing number of children claiming not to have their kits last term)! In science, we'll be looking at grouping gases, liquids and solids, how they change from one to another and the conditions needed for these changes.

We have completed all of the Y3/4 spellings for homework. The children will be choosing misspellings from their own work to learn at home, please support them to practise these and return them completed each Monday. Your support is much appreciated. I have also set My Maths homework which will either be on practising times tables or practising reading the time. I can't emphasise enough how crucial these are and your support is invaluable, thank you.

I am currently in the middle of organising an enrichment trip for this term - details to follow as soon as they're finalised.

Also, I would like them to work on a homework project connected to our Wild Water project. As I've allowed for them to have 5 weeks to work on this, there is an expectation of neat, detailed work to show it's been carefully put together. Children should use a shoebox (any size) to represent either the zones of the sea or to show a river from source to mouth (this has been discussed in class).

Projects need to be in class by Friday 7 February please.

You are very welcome to our outcome, which will be **in the hall at 2.45 pm on Monday 10 February.**

Any questions, please see me in the playground or send an email to the office.

Thank you for your continued support in our learning.

Mrs Martin