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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer. Despite the new routines and changes made to the school, we are hoping for a very successful year in Wolf class. Our main focus this half term will be 'The Human Body'. This is a unit of work based around the different parts of the body, and how we maintain a healthy lifestyle. In the second half term, our focus will be on 'Xtreme Survival', which is a unit that examines the way animals and plants adapt to survive in their environments, and how this adaptation leads to evolution.

This year homework will be given out in a slightly different format. The children will receive a weekly maths and English task on Wednesdays, it will usually take the form of a SATs revision booklet, which the children will be provided with. It is up to them to look after it and work from it throughout the year. The homework task will be due in on the following Monday. These tasks will be topics and questions based on work covered to help the children to prepare for their SATs exam in May. While we actively encourage parental support with homework the tasks are to be independent wherever possible; children will be provided with support if they have found a homework task difficult or challenging but the expectation is that they have given it their best effort first.

Purple Mash will continue to be used for home learning as well as in school. The children will be reminded about their class blog, in which all homework descriptions can be found. If they are ever stuck with regards to what to do their first point of call should be the class blog. Purple Mash will also be used extensively for spelling homework; each week the children will be set a 2Do which links to the current set of spellings the children are learning. I would encourage the children to spend time each week practising their spellings ready for their test on Wednesdays.

Assemblies are being carried out virtually for now and consequently, due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will not be performing class assemblies at this time.

Our P.E. and games afternoons will be Mondays and Fridays. Please note that all P.E lessons will take place outside for now; it is important therefore that your child ensures he/she has suitable outdoor trainers and a warm top. Their school jumper is not correct P.E kit and we would ask that your child is provided with a warm top for when the weather inevitably turns cold.

If your child is unable to take part in a P.E. lesson please write a note to inform me, however I would like to stress that P.E. is a statutory part of the curriculum and children should be encouraged to participate as much as possible.

Please note that this year's SATs week is set to run from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Our residential trip to Hindleap Warren has been provisionally booked and will take place on the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020. More information about both of these will be given out as the year progresses.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Walker