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PENINSULA CAMPUS

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Thursday 13th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back from the Christmas break. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are well rested.

This term's core text is '**Escape from Pompeii**' by Christina Balit and we will be covering a range of cross curricular subjects within the topic of **Volcanoes**.

Spring 1: What a Wonderful World			
Science	Forces	RE	Sikhism
Geography	Volcanoes	DT	Textiles
PE	Swimming, Gymnastics & Football		

During the second half term we will be reading, '**Varjak Paw**' by S. F Said and we will be covering a range of cross curricular subjects within the topic of **Living Things**.

Spring 2: Cunning Creatures			
Science	Living Things	RE	Christianity
Geography	Galapagos Island	Art	3D modelling
PE	Gymnastics & Football		

We have weekly computing, music and PSHE lessons. Our PE days will be **Tuesdays** (outdoor) **and Fridays** (indoor). Therefore, it is imperative that the children have the correct PE kit on these days. It is advisable that your child brings a clean PE kit into school on Monday and takes it home for washing on Friday. PE kits must include a white t-shirt, shorts and jogging bottoms, a jumper, a fleece and a pair of plimsolls or trainers. Also, it is very important that all of the PE kit is clearly named including the bag it is in.

Reading

It is very important that your child reads some of their book **every day**. Please try and read with your child each evening and talk to them about the book they are reading. You can then sign their reading record each time. Asking them questions about what they are reading will also help develop their comprehension. Your child should bring their book into school daily. We will be checking reading records **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** and changing books every **Friday**.

Homework

Homework is set as a half termly menu with options to complete various activities, this can be viewed in your child's homework book as well as on SatchelOne. We ask that once a piece of homework has been completed, please hand the work in so that it can be marked and returned. In addition to the homework menu, children will be expected to practice the timetables daily to ensure they are ready for the times table check later in the year. Weekly spelling tests will take place every Friday morning.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding your child, please feel free to make an appointment to see me. You can contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you in advance for all your support.

Miss Smith

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