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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the year already. It's been great to be back with the children and to hear about their Grafham adventures.

Topic

Our topic this half term is *The Kingdom of Benin*. The proposed content of the lessons this half term can be found on the Spring 1 topic web.

Homework and reading

Over the next half term, we will begin to focus a little more on preparing for the SATs which take place after Easter. To help with this, we will be moving away from the Homework Menu and the children will be set weekly Grammar and/or Reading and/or Maths activities on a Thursday to be completed for the following Wednesday. If you have paid for the CGP revision books through school, your child can bring them home and chip away at them. We expect children to have them in their school bags daily as we will use them in school too.

It is expected that pupils in Year 6 will know all of their multiplication tables well – if this is an area that needs work, your support would be appreciated – even just a quick round of “What’s 6x4?”, “What would 42 divided by 7 be?” on the way to school can really help! I will continue to set activities on Mathematics that are revision of what we have covered in class. Please encourage your child to complete them at home.

As ever, it is really important that your child continues to read regularly, no matter how competent you think they are. Not only does it improve reading skills, but it also helps them with writing skills as it gives ideas for vocabulary and plot ideas the children can use. It's great to spend time asking questions, discussing the text, posing ‘what if?’ scenarios too, as these techniques will help develop their deeper understanding of the texts they read. All KS2 children have a login to Rockerbox News, a non-fiction reading platform that can be used to enhance their reading experiences out of school. Please also encourage your children to read the articles on here regularly.

PE days

We will continue to have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday this half-term so please ensure your child comes to school in an appropriate P.E. kit for both inside and outside P.E. on those days.

As always, don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,
Ellis Cooper