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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable half term holiday. Last half term we completed our topic on Rainforests. Part of that topic was to understand the process of deforestation and the effect this has on the world. Hopefully the children are able to share their knowledge and opinions with you.

Please find attached a copy of this half term's topic plan. We are going to be learning about World War 1, which is particularly relevant as we are approaching the 100 year anniversary of the Armistice which ended the Great War. If any of you, or your relatives have any WW1 memorabilia, or family stories, we would really appreciate hearing from you. In addition, if anyone has any empty shoe boxes you could donate, we would like to use them as part of our topic. Please send any boxes into school as soon as possible.

Homework

All children were recently given a new Maths homework book. Teachers will let the children know which pages/exercises they should complete each week. For Year 5, please allow half an hour to complete the task each week. Year 6 should spend 45mins-1 hour each week. These times could be spread over Thursday-Tuesday. If the exercise takes longer than this, please stop and let your child's Maths teacher know. In addition to the weekly homework that is set, it is vital that all children learn and practice their times tables regularly. By Year 5, children are expected to know all of their tables up to 12x. The following website has some fun ways to keep practising:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

All the children have been signed up to the Sumdog website to play maths games:

<https://www.sumdog.com/>

Reading is an important part of your child's homework. They should read daily for 20-30 minutes. The aim is to promote reading for pleasure, so please encourage your child to talk about what they are reading. Ideas for choosing books can be found here:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

All the children have been signed up to the Read Theory website to help with reading comprehension. They are encouraged to use this at home too.

<https://readtheory.org/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Yours sincerely

Ms H McMurray
Y5/6 Leader

