

February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Teynham Primary School!

#### Out of Africa

This term, our topic is all about Africa. We will be learning about different African animals and their habitats! We are also going to be learning about Nelson Mandela and the impact that he had on South Africa. We will explore traditional African stories and use these as a basis to create our own stories. In addition, we will be learning about different African cultures and will compare these with other cultures from around the world.

#### Curriculum

Our story in Guided Reading this term will be 'A Long Walk to Water.' Through our English lessons, we will be learning about traditional African stories. We will be using this story to make our own Africa inspired story. We will be looking at the film, 'The Lion King' and comparing this with the story of Hamlet by William Shakespeare.

In Maths, we will be learning about fractions including: equivalent, improper and mixed numbers. We will also be decimals and percentages and converting between the two.

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats as well as the life cycles of different animals. In RE, we will be learning about Salvation and finding out what Christians believe that Jesus did to save people.

#### Reading

Reading continues to form a highly important part of Year 5 and your child is expected to read daily in order to help them develop their reading ability. Your child has been issued with a staged book, but they are welcome to read any other books that interest them too. Reading records can be completed either by your child or by yourself, however if your child does complete the comment section, please could you sign the record each week to show that you have seen it. Reading records then need to be returned each Friday so that I can see the reading that your child has completed.

#### Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. This will often be linked to the topic we will be studying, but may be focused on other curriculum areas such as Science.

Homework tasks for Maths will be set via the MyMaths website. If you need your child's username and password sent home again, please let me know.

#### P.E.

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays this term. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit (t shirt, shorts and plimsolls) in school on these days so that they can fully participate in these lessons.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me by making an appointment at the office.

Best wishes,

Miss Tapsell  
Year 5 Class Teacher