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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: **Term 2**

I hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, I would like to extend a slightly belated welcome back to term 2. The weeks are flying by, and I am pleased to say that this term is always an exciting one, with Christmas just around the corner. We kicked off the term with a bang, thanks to our site team and our amazing PTA, who put on a wonderful fireworks display. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

In addition to preparing for our exciting Christmas events, the teachers have been busy welcoming a new writing scheme into school this term. We are confident that this new programme, called Pathways to Write, will have a significant impact on our children's writing outcomes from year 1 to year 6. The programme is based on rich and diverse texts, which have already been well received by both staff and children. If you are interested in learning more about Pathways to Write, please visit the website here: [Pathways to Write - Primary School Writing Programme - The Literacy Company](#)

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about our parent forum, which was very successful last term. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th November. Please get in touch with your class representative if you have any suggestions for the development of the school. The minutes from our previous parent forum meeting can be found on our website. One of the topics discussed was homework, and we acknowledge that there have been some mixed messages.

Research indicates that the most important homework for children to complete at home is reading. We strongly encourage you to read aloud to your children and to encourage them to read aloud to you, even if they are proficient readers. Reading aloud helps improve their fluency and comprehension. Another type of homework that has proven to be impactful is rote learning, such as times tables or the spelling of common exception words. We hope that these recommendations will be reflected in the homework provided by your child's class teacher moving forward.

Furthermore, this term we will be holding our show and share afternoon on Wednesday 29th November, starting from 3.15pm. This event will give you a great opportunity to come in and see your children's work and celebrate their progress. With the new writing scheme in place, I am confident that you will see some fantastic work on display.

I would like to remind you about our Winter Fair which will take place on Saturday 2nd December. We expect it to be a well-supported event attended by the school community. Additionally, our Nativity performances are scheduled to take place during the first week of December. Please keep an eye out for further information and ticket availability.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of staff at the school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs V Baldwin
Headteacher