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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful half term holiday. We had a great start to term and are looking to forward to learning this coming half term. Please see the attached Topic Web for details of our curriculum this term. Our topic for the term is 'Volcanoes and Mountains'. We will also begin rehearsing our Christmas play with Year 3 towards the end of the term.

Swimming, P.E. and Library

P.E. days continue to be on **Monday** and **Wednesday (swimming).** Please encourage your child to take responsibility for bringing their PE kit to school on those days and please also ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with them on swimming days as we will continue to walk to Barton Leisure Centre.
Children should have coats in school every day as break / lunch times will be outside unless the rain is heavy.
Library books can be renewed and exchanged at lunch times as soon as they are finished; in addition, we have our library time on Tuesday afternoons.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday. This should be completed by the following Wednesday. Each week, we will continue to set Doodlemaths extras and Spelling Frame work. Children are also expected to read independently at home. Please encourage your child to remember and complete their homework independently. Do let me know if there are any problems with completing homework.

Punctuality

The school gate opens at 8.40am and the register is taken at 8.50am. Children arriving after register will be marked as late. Thank you for a very good start of the year in terms of punctuality. Please continue to support children in developing an organised morning routine which allows them to arrive at school in time.

Diary Dates

Some dates for this term.

Friday 6th November	Festival of Faith
Friday 13th November	Individual & sibling photos.
Friday 20th November	Children in Need day.
Thursday 26th November	Book Look (8.40-9.00) Non uniform day for Christmas Fair tombola donations.
Friday 27th November	INSET day, school closed to children
Thursday 3rd December	Science Oxford trip
Friday 4th December	SASA Winter Fair (3.20 – 5.30pm)
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church
Thursday 10th December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Oxford Playhouse for pantomime (Cost £14)
Thursday 17th December	Years 3,4,5 &6 Christmas lunch.
Friday 20th December	End of term - School Finishes at 1.30pm

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I am available for a quick chat most days after school, or you can call the office to schedule a longer meeting if necessary.

Many thanks for your support,

Vicki Cooper