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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. The children have settled well into their classes and we are all looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead this term.

This term our learning journey is called 'Small Change = Big Difference'. This learning journey has a Geography focus. We will be learning about our local environment of Exeter and Devon. We will identify and discuss the impact our behaviour has not only on our immediate local environment but also wider world issues such as pollution, plastics in our oceans and recycling. We will encourage the children to identify the small changes that they could make that will have a big impact on our planet.

Please could you donate any recycling that can be used for our Design and Technology unit (such as cereal boxes, milk containers and yoghurt pots).

The curriculum map outlines more about what your child will be learning this term.

### **Useful Information**

#### **PE**

Rougemont: Tuesday and Friday  
Totnes: Monday and Tuesday  
Kingswear: Thursday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school every day, including appropriate footwear. As the weather gets colder, please include tracksuit bottoms and a warm top to wear outside too. If your child does not have the appropriate kit in school, they will be unable to take part in their PE session due to health and safety reasons. Your child's class teacher will inform you each time your child does not have the appropriate kit.

#### **Reading**

We are keen to encourage a love of reading and so request that every child has an opportunity to read at home each day. At Key Stage 2, your child is responsible for changing their own book using our school library system. The library is open each day between 8.30 and 8.40am. You are able to take your child along to the library to change their book if you wish.

When your child has finished their book they will have the chance to complete a reading quiz. Children should be achieving above 80% on their quizzes in order to move up to the next level. This needs to be authorised by your child's teacher who will write the level onto their green library card. The children will complete the tests regularly as this will give more accurate reading level ranges. Please be aware that the test generate the levels based on the results of their quizzes. The more they read, the quicker the levels will increase.

### Homework

More information to follow.

### Volunteers

We are looking to recruit parent volunteers who would be willing to listen to children read from each of the Y3/4 classes. One hour a week can make a huge difference. If you are interested, please let your child's class teacher or Ali in the school office know.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

With best wishes,

The Y3/4Team

Mrs Turner

Mrs Stone

Mrs Carnell - Groves

Miss Lambert