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Term 1 – Japan Class Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break and well-earned rest. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into **Greece** class and we know that they will have a fantastic year. This term our gem power is Ruby and we will be focussing on respect.

This term, our Curious Curriculum theme is **Natural Phenomena**, with the key question: **Can a natural disaster ever be prevented?** Throughout the topic, we will explore where in the UK is at risk of flooding and why, what causes tsunamis and where they occur, how communities can protect themselves from floods and tsunamis, how plants and animals reproduce, and the stages of the human life cycle. Through these enquiries, we will develop our understanding of both the natural world and the impact natural events can have on our lives. This theme will enhance our **scientific and geographical** skills.

Our Key Text is '**The Elephants of the Tsunami** written by **Jana Laiz** and our learning will be centred round this. We will be writing a range of different text types including **diary entries** focusing on **sentence structure**. In maths we will be focusing on place value working with numbers up to 1,000,000. In reading, we will be focusing on the book, 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. It is a gripping adventure novel set in a flooded future Britain, following a young girl named Zoe as she navigates danger, survival and friendship in a world transformed by rising waters.

PE Kit:

It is expected that your child has a PE kit in school throughout the week. Please ensure all items, including uniform, are labelled with first and last names to allow us to keep track of them. No matter how tidy we are in **Year 5**, if garments are not labelled, it can be difficult to return them to their rightful owner. Our sessions will be on **Tuesday and Thursday**. PE kits will be sent home throughout the term to be washed to ensure the safety of our pupils.

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Home Learning:

We expect all pupils to read to a family member five times per week for ten minutes. Please ensure that reading diaries are acknowledged and signed by parents as this is an essential record of which books your child has read and how they are progressing. It is compulsory that books come to school daily.

Morning Snacks and Drinks:

If you would like to send your child into school with their own snack, we would ask that this is fruit or a healthy snack such as a cereal bar. Please only send WATER in drinks bottles to promote healthy eating and to reduce the risk of spillages.

Many thanks,

Mr Mouellef

Class teacher

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