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Dear Parents/Carers,

Summer Term in Drinnick

I hope you had a great Easter and are looking forward to the Summer term!

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or any other concerns at all, please don't hesitate to pop in after school or ring me on the above number.

Curriculum:

For the start of the Summer Term we will be starting our new topic called '**Rites and Rituals**'. This unit is mainly History based and will explore the Mayan civilisation. As much of our curriculum learning as possible will take place through this topic. There is an abundance of learning material around the Mayan and Aztec civilizations online and it would be fantastic if your child was able to access some of these from home. Try the BBC Bitesize website as a good starting point. Any other resources you are able to find (for example, books at the library) would be a real help. Our other unit will be 'The World is our oyster' - a geography based unit but also focusing on Native American history.

We feel that a cross curricular approach is key to maintaining interest and real life relevance for our children. We will be teaching English and Maths every day. Most of our English, including fiction and non-fiction genres will link to our topic. In Maths we are going to continue our focus on 'Number' for the first half term, in particular securing the children's confidence in using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The children will also work with Ms Trula for Spanish on a Monday afternoon and will continue to have a P.E session with Go Active! our P.E. provider on a Monday morning. Mrs.Miscovicz will provide PPA cover for Mr.Barritt on a Tuesday afternoon.

Reading Books:

Your child will have opportunities to read during the week and will read to a teacher once a week during guided reading. They will be asked to change their book themselves first thing in the morning. It is expected that the children will read at home **at least 5 times per week**. Children will be rewarded for this using our new Reading Karate scheme. Each reading 'session' should be for at least 10 minutes and will require an adult signature in the reading record for verification. Reading is of vital importance for the children's progress as it supports so many areas of learning.

Homework:

The children will have homework set on Education City. There is a homework folder full of new activities for the term. The children are expected to partake in 40 minutes of Education City homework each week. This is monitored on a Monday. There will also be spellings sent home each week in a Spelling Book. The children are given new spellings on a Monday and these are then tested on the following Monday. At home

the children should copy the words out, cover them, and then attempt to write the words correctly.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Last term, it became apparent that a number of children in our class are spending a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised not to spend more than **2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

PE:

As last year, the children will have P.E every Monday with Go Active but we ask for your child to have their P.E kit in school every day. We appreciate that the large majority of parents do send in children with the correct kit and we thank you for this, however we do have some children either forgetting kit or in non-school specified kit.

We would like to remind you that PE kit consists of:

- Shorts or leggings - black
- School PE top or plain white round necked T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE/swimming.

Throughout this term we will be attending swimming lessons at Polkyth Leisure Centre on a Tuesday afternoon. A separate letter with all relevant details has already been sent home.

Open Door Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Drinnick Class, please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. There will be opportunities during the year when we would very much welcome your support. It may be to come in and listen to readers or support in practical lessons and activities.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working closely with you and your children.

Here's to a great Summer Term!

Mr Barritt, Mrs.Varney and Mrs.Kitts

