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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Drinnick Class – Year 5

We hope you had a lovely Easter and enjoyed the sunshine!

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.

Our Drinnick team this term consists of Mr. Barritt (Class Teacher), Mrs Williams (Class TA and HLTA – class cover). We are also lucky enough to be joined this term by Mr. Vincent, who is undertaking his teacher training via the Cornwall SCITT program. We look forward to supporting him on his journey towards becoming a qualified teacher.

Curriculum:

Our topic for this term is called **Swallows and Amazons**. Please see the attached topic map for all the information about what we will be covering over the next few weeks. There are lots of online resources that link to our topic 'Swallows and Amazons', try these for starters:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/articles/zqv6msg>

<https://www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php>

<https://www.warwickartscentre.co.uk/news/2016-2/08/swallows-and-amazons-family-activities/>

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 be learning Numbers and Counting, Calculation Strategies, Shape, Space and Measure and Data Handling. Where possible we will link this with our topic.

The children will also work with Ms Trula for Spanish on a Monday afternoon and will continue to have a P.E. session with Mr Bacon on a Thursday afternoon.

Reading Books:

Our reading scheme changed significantly last year and full information was sent out at the time. Please contact the school if you need another copy of this information. In line with the new scheme, children will be reading their accelerated reader books in class every day and given the opportunity to complete the quiz and change their book. The new reading record will be sent home this week and needs to be handed in each **Monday** for us to keep track of the children's home reading. It seems that most pupils and parents are happy with administration of the new reading scheme but if you do have any concerns please do come in and see me. As a general reminder it is really important that the reading record is signed every week by an adult.

Homework:

As well as taking part in home reading activities five times a week, children also need to be practising their spellings in their spelling book for an average of 10 minutes a day, ready for the spelling test that will take place on a Tuesday. For Maths, children need to practise the appropriate times table from the Times Table Adventure scheme which will also be tested on a Tuesday. For ideas on how to make learning times tables more fun and interactive, check out the links on our e-schools class page.

Children who do not complete any part of the homework will bring home a letter informing you which part of their homework was not handed in. This is just to make sure you are aware. Any issues with homework, please know that you can always contact us to keep us informed.

P.E:

This term the children will have PE on a **Thursday** with Mr. Bacon, our PE teaching assistant. Children will also be going sailing and swimming on a Wednesday, separate letters have been sent home about this. **We ask for your child to have their P.E kit in school every day.**

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.

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. Also if you have any specific skills you can offer and would like to share these with the children, please do let us know.

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

Mr Barritt, Mr Vincent and Mrs Williams

Drinnick team

