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Dear parents and carers,

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Welcome back to our Rainforest ready for our learning this term!

We are starting the term thinking about the country Brazil with a particular focus on Rainforests.

We have lots of exciting trips and workshops planned for the class linked to this but if you have been to Brazil or know of anyone who might like to come in to teach us a little about the country and it's culture, please do let me know. It would also be lovely for the children to hear the main language of Brazil (Portugese) spoken properly so do also let me know if you could help with this.

On Thursday 18th January, Zoolab will be coming in to support the children with their Science learning about animals and we have also got a trip to the Living Rainforest booked for after half term. A letter will be coming out over the next few days to provide more information and costings for these exciting enrichments for this term.

Homework

Reading is a daily homework and the Reading Records are checked every day to ensure that children are reading regularly at home. It is so vital to allow children to access the learning in the classroom so they must be able to feel confident reading new texts and talking about what they are reading. We really need your support for this to help your child and encourage them at home. Most children are doing very well with this and we are seeing positive comments from parents about children choosing to read different types of books at home and enjoying the stories they are reading with their parents, so thank you. There are also various online platforms that your children are expected to access regularly such as Times Tables Rockstars and MyMaths which are both also checked every day.

Violins

Violins continue to be **every Monday**. There are odd occasions when they are not needed but we would rather they came in if there is any doubt. It is a great opportunity for children to have



access to an instrument at home and we are pleased that so many children seem to be accessing the online program that Mr Bettle has told them about.

Swimming and P.E.

Swimming will begin for Year 3 on Friday 19th January and will be every Friday from then on.

This term the children will normally be doing P.E on Wednesday afternoon but please make sure your child has a full P.E. kit in school ALL WEEK, including shorts, leggings/tracksuit bottoms, shirt, P.E. jumper/sweatshirt, spare socks and trainers that fit comfortably. The kit should be taken home every Friday for washing.

Remember that earrings must not be worn for P.E. and children must be able to take them out and put them back in again independently.

Website

Please keep an eye on the class page on Ducklington primary school's website for more details on our topics being covered over the term and photos of the children:

<http://ducklington.oxon.sch.uk/>

If you are concerned about anything and would like to talk to one of us, we are normally free at the end of the school day in the playground, or make an appointment to see either of us.

Kind regards,

Miss Bradley and Mrs Miles