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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year, if it isn't too late for that....

I hope your children are enjoying the new term. As you can see from the Topic Web, this term we are studying **Europe**, including a more in depth study of Italy. Children will also have the chance to research European countries of their choice. After that we will do a unit called **Weather around the World**. This will be a term full of geographical explorations, including plenty of atlas work. I would like to take this opportunity to recommend the Lizard Point website (www.lizardpoint.com/geography); here children can supplement and test their knowledge of countries, continents, capitals and more.

As before do use the Homework Diary to write messages to teachers, but they are generally only collected in on a Tuesday, so on any other day you will need to ask your child to show it to the relevant person. Please sign the diary before a Tuesday on the previous page.

The Reading Challenge display in which the children can move their space shuttles to the moon has become a **Times Tables challenge**. Please encourage your child to help themselves to new tables grids to complete at home, and time them if appropriate. Please also continue the fantastic home reading you're doing.

As ever anyone who would like to volunteer to come and help hear readers in school would be welcomed with open arms!

I hope all the children are enjoying starting to learn the fife. I believe it's hard to get a sound to start with but with perseverance it will come, after which it is the sort of instrument that you can progress quickly on.

Homework will continue to involve Literacy and Maths (one of each per fortnight), and spellings and mental Maths. Hopefully this will be manageable and useful. Please let me know if it is proving difficult.

Your support is really appreciated.

Any questions please catch me in the playground or feel free to make an arrangement for a longer chat.

Ms K. Rankin