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Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new term at Brereton. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Our topic this term is *Mysteries of the East—A Journey of Adventure*. We will be learning about ancient Islamic civilisations, the beginnings of the Islamic faith, life in Baghdad, Islamic agricultural and industrial growth, the end of the era, the geography of the Middle East, the five pillars of Islam and modern day peace and conflict.

PE will continue every Tuesday. Please ensure children have suitable indoor and outdoor PE kit each week.

In Literacy our written work will be based on the book '*The Man Who Walked Between the Towers*' by Mordicai Gerstein. We will be producing a range of non-fiction and biographical writing using this fascinating book as a stimulus.

The Spotlight author for Year 5 this term is Rebecca Stead. Our main text will be '*Liar and Spy*' which has recently won the *Guardian Children's Fiction Prize* and was voted as one of the best books of the year by the *Independent*. The text can be purchased from Waterstones, W H Smiths and Amazon if children wish to have their own copy. In guided reading my group will be reading '*Rooftoppers*' by Katherine Rundell. This has also been nominated for a range of awards and won the *Blue Peter Book Award*. Only children in my guided reading group will be using this text (however it is a fantastic read for any other children who wish to have it).

Literacy homework will be given on Mondays and should be returned on Wednesday, and numeracy will be given out on Wednesday to be returned to school on Friday. Children are also expected to read regularly at home. Many have already earned awards for 25 and 50 nights reading. Please encourage them to continue reading regularly.

Children will need a water bottle in school each day. There will be an opportunity to re-fill bottles during the school day, but it would be helpful for children to bring them to school full and fresh each morning.

Please take a look at our new school website. The year 5 page has a topic web which will give you more details about the subjects we will be covering this term and will be regularly updated with news, topics, photographs and achievements.

If there is anything you wish to discuss with me, please feel free to speak to me or make an appointment via the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Natasha Wood