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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas and you are all ready for the term ahead of us.

### **Year 5**

In the Spring Term, Year 5 will be completing work based around our new and exciting books 'The Explorer' and 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In our writing lessons, we are going to begin by writing our very own tales of fear, focusing on building suspense to leave the reader on the edge of their seat! We will then move onto writing our non-narrative discussion text which will focus on arguments for and against deforestation. Within our book club lessons, the children will read the two fiction texts from our writing units and will also have the opportunity to read poems such as, 'Geography Lesson' by Brian Patten and non-fiction books based on extreme sports and adventures. We will look at one of these text each week and will comprehend what is happening during different extracts, working on our inference skills. In maths, the children will start by looking at methods to help us multiply and divide 3-digit numbers.

In DT, the children will look at both cooking and construction. In our cooking lessons, the children will select vegetables to design a vegan curry, looking at how to cater for different dietary requirements. Within our construction unit, we will conduct research and explore the different mechanisms used in toys to build our own toy rocket launch. In art, we will look at Henry Rousseau this term to create a landscape painting that uses colour to create mood and feeling.

### **PE**

The children will have two PE sessions a week and they will be on a Thursday afternoon. The children will need to ensure they have their PE kit in school every Thursday for them to change into after lunch. We will start by taking part in hockey with coaches from FC and volleyball. In hockey, we will look at how to correctly hold the hockey stick to dribble and move the ball; in volleyball, we will look at our aiming and control of the ball.

As some of our PE lessons take part outside, please can you ensure your child has the appropriate footwear and clothing depending on the weather. All children will need to wear school kit or similar, with no branded logos or teams. This could be a warm jumper, long trousers or some black/navy shorts and a pair of trainers. Remember the children will not need a PE t-shirt as they are in houses and should have a coloured PE top to match their house! If your child has misplaced their house t-shirt then these can be purchased from reception.

It is important that children have appropriate clothing and footwear for PE as we are very fortunate that we have a lot of sports specialists working with us again this year so it is important your child has the correct kit so that they can take part.

### **Named clothing, sandshoes and lockers**

A polite reminder: As the children are in Year 5, they are responsible for looking after their own possessions and clothing. Please ensure you write your child's name into all items as it makes it easier to return any lost items.

The children are still expected to change into sandshoes when they come into the classroom so they will need their own pair labelled with their name. The children still have their own locker to keep their shoes and other belongings in.

### **Homework**

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Times tables: Learning times tables is very important as it helps with every aspect of maths and as your child is in Year 5 they will take part in SATs in Year 6 next year which include a wide range of multiplication questions. Therefore, practising times tables at home would benefit your child hugely. Your child needs to practise their times tables TT Rockstars each week. Logins for this have already been given to your child but if you ever need a new copy please ask.

Reading: Children should be reading at home at least three times a week. Reading books will be checked and changed every Friday to ensure that children are practising their reading. If your child does not read three times a week at home, they will need to catch up with this during their Friday break time. Alternatively, if your child does read at least three times a week then they will be able to receive a reward each half term.

**Timetable**

	Lesson 1		Lesson 2	Lesson 3		Lesson 4	Lesson 5
<b>Monday</b>	Maths	Interventions /Handwriting Practise	Book Club	Writing	Spelling	Topic Lessons	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Maths	Interventions /Handwriting Practise	Book Club	Writing	Spelling	Topic Lessons	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Maths	Interventions /Handwriting Practise	Book Club	Writing	Spelling	Topic Lessons	
<b>Thursday</b>	Maths	Interventions /Handwriting Practise	Book Club	Writing	Spelling	PE	
<b>Friday</b>	Maths	Interventions /Handwriting Practise	Book Club	Writing	Spelling	Topic Lessons	

Many thanks,

Miss Andrews