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Dear Families,

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

Year 5

In the Autumn Term, Year 5 will be completing work based around our new and exciting books 'Beowulf' and 'Tom's Midnight Garden'. In our writing lessons, we are going to begin by looking at the poem 'The Awfullest of Friends' by Brian Patten to improve our knowledge of ambitious vocabulary and rhyme. After this, we will then create our own short story based on 'Beowulf'. Within our book club lessons, the children will continue to read a variety of texts, which include fiction, non-fiction, poetry and play scripts. We will look at a different text each week and we will practise our comprehension of these texts by focusing on how to answer inference and PEE questions using evidence from the text to support our answers. In maths, the children will start by focusing on place value and then will move onto looking at addition and subtraction. The children will compare and order numbers to 100,000 and will then practise rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They will then move onto adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4-digits using the column method – exchanging when needed. In art, the children will begin by exploring Leonardo da Vinci and his artwork so they can gain an understanding of how he creates motion within his sketches. At the end of the unit, the children will then use their drawing skills and a range of tones to show different muscles and structures to form their own full body portrait. To start our geography lessons, we will look at South America and explore its features such as mountains, rivers and rain forests. In Science, the children will be looking animals including humans, examining how animals and humans develop over time.

Year 5 have a fun filled term ahead of them filled with opportunities to take part in engaging lessons and this continues into their extracurricular activities as they will also have the opportunity to go to London in the Autumn term! More information will be to follow.

PE

PE in the Autumn term will be on a Friday. Children will need to bring the correct PE Kit (plain black or blue shorts or joggers, their house colour t-shirt and trainers).

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

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.

Spellings: The children will get spellings each week to learn which will link to our school's Spelling Programme. Please ensure the children practice these regularly.

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 be catching up with this during their Friday break time. Alternatively, if your child does read at least three times a week then they will receive a reward each half term.

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Many thanks,

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