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YEAR 5 CURRICULUM LETTER

Welcome back and we hope you had a good summer.

This letter will give you details of the topics and homework for this term, so that you can support your child, especially in the core subjects of English and Maths.

Homework will be given out on **Mondays**, unless the normal school week is changed, due to special circumstances, and needs to be returned completed by the following **Monday**.

Year Five children are expected to spend 1 hour and 15 minutes each week. Sometimes there could be a longer or extended piece of work which could be equivalent to two or more pieces of work. In addition to this the children should be reading aloud regularly to an adult.

Reading

Your child should be reading a variety of texts on a regular basis. Please encourage your child to read from a variety of materials including fiction and non-fiction, newspapers, leaflets etc. It is important for parents to hear their child read aloud to help develop expression, fluency and comprehension of the text. Discussing the text with your child is also very valuable including asking questions, identifying features of the characters, setting and plot. The KS2 reading prompts on the school website have a range of questions that you can ask your child about the book they are reading.

Spellings

The children will be sent home spelling words each week to learn. Research shows that small and regular practise of spellings is more effective than spending a long period in one go. Due to this we recommend that your child spends 5 to 10 minutes three times a week practising their spellings.

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English Our focuses this term are continuing to practise cursive writing, improving knowledge of spelling rules and securing sentence structure. When your child is completing a written piece of homework please encourage them to use their best handwriting, check that spellings from that week are spelt correctly and that their sentences make sense. The genres we are covering this term are: stories from around the world, myths and legends, persuasion texts, non-chronological reports and Poetry.

Maths This year we will continue to take a mastery approach towards our learning in Maths. As a school we believe that all students can succeed in mathematics. We don't believe that there are individuals who can do maths and those that can't. Teaching will aim to help students achieve a growth mindset and a strong understanding of number. This term the

children will be focusing on developing their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and also statistics. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to be able to quickly recall **all** of the times tables up to multiples of 12 and the related division facts. Research shows that knowing the times tables is an essential basis for mathematical skills. It is therefore crucial that children continue to regularly practise their tables both in school and at home.

- Science** Properties & Changes of Materials: This is a double topic which lasts the whole term. The children will be learning about dissolving, reactions and separation. They will also develop their Science Investigation skills.
- Computing** Big Data: This explores the concept of 'Big Data' and how data is stored. The children will carry 'unplugged' tasks where they explore collecting and sorting data without a computer. They will then use what they learn from this to help them to create a database which they will use to answer questions.
- Humanities** Map Skills: This topic starts with recapping the countries and continents in the world. The children will then focus on developing their geographical understanding of England. They will learn about geographical regions including biomes & vegetation belts, key topographical features and they will use Ordnance Survey maps
Vikings & Anglo Saxons: The children will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England. They will also develop their questioning skills.
- Art/DT** The children will be developing their drawing skills. They will investigate the work of artists who have used the theme of still life in a variety of ways to convey ideas and feelings. They will develop skills of observation and recording, and they will look at the effect of light on objects from different directions.

In D.T our topic is 'Biscuits.' Children will develop their skills of weighing & measuring using scales, and they will use tools to shape and decorate their biscuits.
- PE** The children will be doing Games and Athletics this half term and Gymnastics and Dance after the October half term. Please ensure children have their full PE kits in school with them every day.
- PSHE** The children will be exploring new beginnings and setting classroom promises. They will continue to develop their independent learning skills.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher session next Wednesday.

Mrs Beswick and Mrs Hiscock