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## YEAR 5 INFORMATION LETTER

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year. Thank you very much for all of your gifts and cards.

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, Maths and Science.

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 will be expected to spend 1 hour and 15 minutes each week. Homework should be completed in homework books and children should use a handwriting pen. It is important that children take pride in their homework and present it neatly. This will prepare them for Year 6 and secondary school. **Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables and corresponding division facts.**

### **Reading**

Your child should be reading a variety of texts on a regular basis and they will have reading or reading related activities with their homework. This term we are focusing on reading comprehension. Although reading independently is an important skill, it is also useful to sometimes hear your child read aloud, to help develop expression, fluency and comprehension of the text. Please look at the recommended reading list which was sent home last term as these texts will help develop your child's reading skills.

### **Spellings**

Each week the children will be given spellings to learn and a range of ways in which they can learn them. 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 spend 5 to 10 minutes 3 to 5 times a week practising their spellings. We have a spelling test in school every Monday.

### **Phasels Wood**

The Year 5 children go on their residential trip to Phasels' Wood this term. There is a Parent Information Meeting on Wednesday 24th January at 5.30pm in the Year 5 classroom.

**RE** The two topics covered this term are: 'Jesus at Prayer' and 'From Lent to Easter'. For further information, please see the 'Key Information for Pupils' available on the school website.

**English** This term the children will be continuing to work on consistently using neat and joined handwriting, improving their knowledge of spelling rules and developing their knowledge and understanding of simple, compound and complex sentence. When your child is completing a written piece of homework please encourage them to use their best



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handwriting, check that spellings from that week are spelt correctly and to use a range of sentences.

The genres we are focusing on this term are Science Fiction stories, Recounts, Explanations and Poetry.

## Maths

We are continuing 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 fractions, decimals and percentages and measurement. By year 5 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

*Space:* The children will learn about the shapes and relative sizes of the Earth, Sun and Moon. Using models they will learn how the three bodies move and how these movements relate to night and day.

## Computing

*Spreadsheets:* The children will learn how to collect data and how to create their own spreadsheets for this data. They will also learn how to use simple formulae to create calculations.

## P.E.

The children will need their PE kits in every day. This term the children will be taking part in Gymnastics, Dance and Games.

## Geography

*Rivers & Water Cycle:* The children will learn about the features of rivers and the water cycle.

## Art & DT

*Collage:* The children will study the work of different collage artists. They will practise different collage techniques and create their own collage work.

## Music

*The Planets:* The children study The Planets by Holst.

## PSHE

The children will continue to develop their independent learning and social skills. We have an emphasis on kindness in the classroom and around the school. We have been encouraging the children to take part in random acts of kindness, take responsibility for their actions and recognise how their actions can impact on others.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Mrs Beswick and Mrs Hiscock

