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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5

I hope you that your child is settling well back into school and they are enjoying their learning and being in Year 5.

Please find attached a copy of the weekly timetable and an overview of the curriculum that we will be studying this term. It also includes some ideas about how you can support your child's learning at home.

Autumn Term Curriculum Overview

Subject	What your child will be learning	How to support learning at home
English	Poetry, story writing and diary-writing. Spelling patterns and rules Grammar terminology and correct use of grammar	Ensure that your child reads at least 3 times a week for 30 minutes each session. Sign your child's reading record to confirm that they have read for at least 3 lots of 30 minutes. Talk about the books that your child enjoys reading. Discuss the characters, plot and settings. Ensure your child completes their spelling homework in their homework book. Ensure that the children have their reading book in school every day.
Maths	Place value, Mental and written calculation strategies for all 4 operations and fractions	Help your child to know their number facts, based on all four operations. Relate maths to real life situations (cooking, shopping, problem solving). Complete DB Learning maths homework. (30 minutes each week)
Science	Properties of materials Changing materials	Encourage your child to use scientific vocabulary. Research topics using the internet or the library.
ICT	Word Processing Research using the internet Online Safety	Talk to your child about how to stay safe on the internet

RE	Science and Creation	Watch news programmes like Newsround
Music	Charanga	Listen to and discuss music.
Geography	Europe (Greece in particular)	Watch news programmes like Newsround Locate Europe and European counties on a map
History	Ancient Greece	Research Ancient Greece using books and the Internet.
Art & Design	Clay Greek Pots	Research Ancient Greek pottery
Design Technology	Greek Cooking	Talk to your child about health and safety when cooking
PE	Invasion Games	Encourage your child to participate in regular physical activity. Talk about why it is important to exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet. Ensure children have their PE kit in school on a Monday and Friday.
PSHE	Healthy Bodies	Encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings and discuss ways to keep the body and brain healthy.

Staff

Miss Cookson and Mrs Heathcock will both be based in Year 5 in the mornings to support teaching and learning. Mrs Hands will work with some children in the afternoons in small groups. Mrs Sugden, Mr Carpanini, Mrs Wright and Mrs Pethick will cover my non-contact time on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon.

PE

Year 5 have PE is on Mondays and Fridays, so the children will need to wear their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and plimsolls/trainers. When the weather is colder they may need black tracksuit bottoms. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes ear-rings.

Water Bottles

Please can you send a named water bottle, containing **water**, into school every day for your child. It is really important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available. Children are unable to use the water fountain due to our Covid restrictions.

Snack

If your child would like a snack at break time, they can bring in a piece of **fruit or veg** from home or buy something from the tuck shop for 50p.

Homework

Homework is an integral part of your child's learning. The homework set allows your child to consolidate what has been learnt in school and extend their learning further. Any support you can give them is valuable.

Your child has a reading book on their AR level. They will have to complete a quiz in school based on the book before they are able to change it. (They need to achieve 80% or above). It would be of benefit to your child if you could spend some time each evening supporting them with their reading. Please use the Reading Record booklet to record that your child has read. Your child is expected to read their AR book **at least 3 times a week for a period of at least 30 minutes**. This will be monitored on a weekly basis and children who have not read or had their reading diaries signed will need to ensure that they complete their reading during lunchtime.

(Homework will be **set on Thursday** and **monitored on a Tuesday**.)

On a weekly basis your child will be expected to complete:

- 30 spelling homework in their homework book. Children will choose 5 spellings from their list to learn each week. They can practise the spellings using a method of their choice. They then need to include all the words in a minimum of 3 sentences.
- Maths homework on DB learning - approximately 30 minutes

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of Year 5, please come and see me after school.

Kind regards,

Claire Hayman