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Dear Parents,

This Spring Term in Year 5...

Welcome back. Please have a look at the exciting topics we will be learning about this term! Below is a summary of this term's curriculum, forthcoming activities and homework timetable.

English

Each term our learning is centred around texts that will cover a variety of genres and purposes. They will link to some of our curriculum topics, to enhance and enrich the children's learning experience. These texts include: Viking Boy, Shackleton's Journey and exploring language in Poetry. Each teaching sequence will allow the children to immerse themselves in each text through a variety of activities and writing outcomes. There will be an emphasis on spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout all units of work.



Spelling

We will continue to set spellings each week. The lists will be handed out on Monday. Each day, the children will focus on various activities and will be tested on the Friday. Throughout the week, children are encouraged to find words at school and home that fit this rule and to use them in their writing.

Maths

In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of 'Number and Place Value' and the 'Written Calculation Methods' for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be developing our knowledge of fractions, decimals, measurement, statistics and geometry. There will be a focus on mental recall skills and improving the speed and accuracy of times tables.



Science

Year 5 will be taught Forces this term. In this unit, children will learn to identify gravity, friction, air and water resistance as well as carry out an engaging investigation to explore how these forces work in real life.

In Science, next half term we will be taking part in a variety of activities throughout Science Week.

Computing

In Computing, we will continue to develop an understanding of e-safety. We will also be focusing on coding and pupils will be creating their own simple games.

History

We will carry out a historical enquiry that focuses on the Vikings. We will use a variety of sources of evidence to ask and answer key questions.





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Geography

This term we will discover the amazing continent of Antarctica. They will learn all about where Antarctica is its geography and physical features, climate, wildlife, history and the human impact on the local environment.

Music

Year 5 will continue to learn to play the cornet with a specialist teacher from Brass England. Each child has their own cornet and it can go home each week, but will be needed in school for Wednesday.

Art and D & T

In art, the children will be exploring the world of 'contemporary African recycled art' and studying the artists who transform waste into stunning pieces of art. The children will then have the opportunity to design and create their own pieces of art using recycled waste products.

In D&T, their learning will be linked to our Geography topic exploring Antarctica. We will design and create our own igloos.

PE and Games

The children in both classes will need to wear their kit to school on Tuesday for games lessons and Thursday for gymnastics.



In games they will be working on a unit based around invasion games through basketball and netball. In dance they will focusing on street dance learning key movements, background of the dance and where they originate from.

RE and PSHE

In R.E, we will be studying some Judaism and Dharmic traditions including food and symbols. They will exploring the key questions: How does what you believe, affect what you choose to eat? How are symbols and artefacts used to represent deeper meanings in Easter and Passover?

In PSHE, we will explore two topics: 'Dreams and Goals,' and 'Healthy Me.'

Spanish

Our topic for Spanish this term is 'Tienes una Mascota (pets). Children will learn the name the names of animals through repetition, games and songs.

Homework

Homework will be sent home each week to be completed in your homework book. Homework will be set on **Thursdays** and will be due in the following **Tuesday**. Spelling words will be shared every **Monday** and children will be tested on these words the following **Friday**. Children also have a Times Table Rockstars account and are encouraged to spend at least 10 minutes a day on Times Table Rockstars in order to practise their timetables.



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Homework will be sent home on a Thursday as follows:

Date set - Thursdays	Topic	Date Due in - Tuesdays
9 th January	Comprehension	14 th January
16 th January	Maths	21 st January
23 rd January	Grammar	28 th January
30 th January	Comprehension	4 th February
6 th February	Maths	11 th February
27 th February	Grammar	4 th March
6 th March	Comprehension	11 th March
13 th March	Maths	18 th March
20 th March	Grammar	25 th March
27 th March	Comprehension	1 st April

Reading

We ask that children to read for 10 minutes every day either independently or with an adult, including talking about the book that they have read. In Year 5, children are asked to record what they have read and when. We ask that you sign your child's reading record once a week to encourage your child to read and for us to acknowledge the work being put in at home. On Mondays, the children's reading records will be checked in school to ensure they are reading regularly. We encourage your child to communicate openly with us regarding their reading and to change their books independently.

5 Teal, will attend the library every Tuesday and 5 Mint will attend on a Thursday. During this time they will be able to bring home up to two books, one for pleasure and one for their reading level.

If you have any questions, please contact us via the school office.

Yours sincerely,



The Year 5 Team