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## Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter – SUMMER Term 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays, I hope you have had a wonderful time! We have a great term ahead of us, with many exciting activities planned.

**Literacy:** This term we will be practising our reading skills and reading many books including Macbeth, as well as short stories and poetry, which will be used to help us deliver the national curriculum effectively. In Year 5, we will be addressing all curriculum areas with additional emphasis on the core skills of literacy. This term we will be focusing on composing accurate and effective sentences, choosing a range of conjunctions and unpicking the key features of a range of genres such as persuasive letters, exciting narrative openers and biographies.

**Reading:** Children should read on a regular basis as it remains important throughout Key Stage 2 and your support will aid your child's development. It is beneficial to discuss the book with your child to deepen their understanding. A discussion regarding key characters, features and plot, along with why the author chose particular vocabulary will aid their learning. Children are expected to read **at least 3 times** a week. Please sign and date your child's reading diary and write a comment if necessary. Reading diaries will be checked on a **Friday**. It is important, however, that your child brings their reading diary and reading book into school **every day** to allow us to check their weekly progress.

**Numeracy:** We will begin the term by extending our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also cover the following topics; properties of shape, position and direction. To assist their learning at home, please encourage learning quick recall of times tables and allow your child to read the time at every opportunity. A great way for the children to practise their times table skills is through the use of online games such as: Times Table Rockstars, Mathletics and Hit the Button. Homework will consist of consolidation of their learning in class.

**Science:** Year 5 will be learning about forces and animals including humans. They will be encouraged to devise and explore scientific enquiry, including careful observations and carrying out comparative and fair tests. We will be working and thinking scientifically whilst developing our use and pronunciation scientific vocabulary.

**History:** This term we will explore the history of ancient civilisations including the Mayans. Children will develop their chronological understanding and the concept of change over time. They will have the opportunity to handle and explore replica artefacts loaned from our resource centre. The children will have the opportunity to learn about the location and life of the Mayans and how historical events coincide with one another.

**Geography:** Children will have the opportunity to learn about fantastic journeys around the world. They will learn about key countries and features of our world. They will have the opportunity to explore regions, tropics and time zones to further their understanding of the world.

**Art:** This term in art, children will have the opportunity to study a range of artists and their differing styles of art work. During this topic, children are faced with the challenge of having to design to a specific criteria or specification, developing design ideas for a room interior, a coat of arms and product to fit a given name, children learn to draw inspiration from different sources and use a range of techniques to experiment with their different concepts.

**Design & Technology:** This term the children will develop their understanding of electrical systems and have the opportunity to research, plan, design and create an electronic greeting card.

**PE:** Children will have **Dance on Thursdays** and **Outdoor Adventurous Activities on a Friday** in the first half term. They can come to school in their kit P.E. on P.E. days. I would ask that the children have a **P.E kit at school every day** as we often have additional lessons throughout the year. Children must wear suitable footwear, such as trainers. Any heeled shoe should be avoided as they are not safe for P.E.

**Homework:** On a Friday, children will receive their homework and it is expected to be handed in on **Wednesday**. It will usually consist of one literacy or numeracy piece. Please encourage your child to complete their homework and return it in on time.



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If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

Many thanks,

Mr Atkinson

