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Welcome Back – Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the half term ahead.

We are excited to continue our topic this half term, which will continue with the theme of Earth and Space. The children will be creating their own Mars Rover in DT, which will link to their learning in Computing. This will develop key STEM skills as they both make and programme their moving vehicles. In Science, the children will be learning about the impact of global warming and the importance of sustainability, as well as looking at Earth and space.

We will continue to read The Jamie Drake Equation and the children will use this to write their own portal story linked to space. The children will also discuss the question 'Should space tourism be allowed?' and write their own argument for or against. The children will also have the opportunity to write persuasively, convincing people to visit Winchester Science Centre.

This half term in Maths, we will be focusing our learning on securing a formal written method for multiplication and division. It is vital therefore, that you ensure your child has the opportunity to practise their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars at home. The children's logins are on a label stuck into the back cover of their planners. The children will also be developing their understanding of fractions, including finding equivalence, comparing, ordering and converting fractions. We will then move on to adding and subtracting fractions.

Children should bring their PE kit into school on a Monday and keep it in their lockers until Friday, when they will take it home to be washed over the weekend. Children MUST have a change of footwear in order to participate in PE sessions and there should be no visible logos on any kit except trainers, unless it is the school logo. It is important that you provide a black tracksuit for your child as we head into the winter months to ensure they are warm enough outside. Children cannot wear their coats for PE. Please also make sure any child with long hair brings a hair band to tie their hair back for PE sessions and that earrings are taken out.



Every child in our school has a Fairisle Junior School water bottle. We ask that only these water bottles are used during the day as when the children go to PE, all the drinks bottles can be carried out and kept safely in the special carriers we have. They must only contain water as they are to keep the children hydrated. Children are, of course, free to bring a separate bottle for lunchtime, which can contain water or squash.

If you are sending your child on our residential trip to Stubbington, we will be arranging a meeting to ensure you have all the information you need in order to help them prepare. A further letter will go home in the next couple of weeks to confirm this.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via their planners or by contacting the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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