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### Welcome Back Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back Year 5! We hope you have all had an excellent Easter break and the children are refreshed and ready to start the summer term. We are so pleased to see everyone back in school again and we have loved hearing what a fantastic break everyone has had.

We have an exciting new topic this term: 'Rainforest'. In Writing, the children will be reading the class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. After first reading some of the text, the children will be writing a character description and an information text on how to survive in the Amazon. In Mathematics, we will focus on shapes, position and direction. We will then move on to revising and developing the children's understanding of decimals. We will also be dedicating time to learning division facts which we will be testing the children on once a week using the app 'Hit The Button', where children must strive to achieve 40/40. In Geography, the children will be exploring Biomes and how Global Warming and Climate Change are impacting them. In Computing, the children will be developing their skills of creating media by learning how to create vector graphics using Google Drawings.

As you are aware, the children are expected to read at home daily and record the book title and pages read in their planners, with an adult's signature. Stars will only be awarded if all of the information is recorded. Reading regularly at home will help the children develop their stamina for reading as well as widen their vocabulary and develop their reading fluency. The children can continue to collect their stars in their planners to receive a unique reading badge at the end of the term.

Children will continue to receive spellings that are appropriate to their ability and as always, they will have access to Spelling Shed to practise these both in school and at home. Please ensure you test your child at home and complete the 'home' section of the spelling booklet prior to the children being tested on a Monday.

PE continues to be on **Thursdays**. Please ensure that your child has both outdoor and indoor kit to change into and that **all** jewellery is removed. **Children must have a pair of trainers for PE** that are not the shoes they wear to school.

We thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's planner or contact the school office.

Very best wishes,

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