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Welcome back Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to welcome your child to Year 5. We hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to the school year ahead. We could not be happier to see all of the children in school again and we've got lots to look forward to!

We have been working hard planning lessons that we think will be engaging and exciting for the children this year. We'll begin with the topic: 'To infinity and beyond!' The children will spend time learning about forces in Science and this will link to their space studies that will happen across the first term.

Our first half term will finish with a trip to the Winchester Science Museum. This will take place on Tuesday 17th October. More information about this trip will be sent out to you via email.

In English, we will be reading 'The Jamie Drake Equation' by Christopher Edge. This is a story of a boy who sees his dad travel to space, leaving him behind on his birthday. He is quick to discover that his family is not as happy as he thought it was when he overhears a conversation between his parents. This book blends factual information about space with the real-life situations families' face. The children will create their own alien and planet, using this to write detailed setting and character descriptions. They will then combine these to create a story opening. They will focus on using parenthesis when writing these pieces.

In Mathematics, our half term will begin by developing our understanding of place value for increasingly large numbers (up to 1,000,000), including comparing, ordering and rounding. Children will have an opportunity to learn Roman numerals too. We will revisit our knowledge of the four operations and recap the formal written methods for these. The children will focus on learning long multiplication and short division methods. The children will learn to apply their knowledge to a range of reasoning and problem solving activities.

Please find more information about the Year 5 curriculum on our school website. Here you will find our curriculum overview for the year as well as more detailed unit plans for individual subjects. Please note that our curriculum overviews are subject to change in order to meet the needs of the cohort.

This year, the children will have a longer session of P.E. once a week. P.E. day for this year will be on **Thursday**. Please could you ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school every Thursday, including a change of footwear.



The children have been given new planners. We thank you in advance for your support with your child's daily reading and times tables recall. Please ensure that home reading is recorded in your child's planner in order for them to gain a sticker towards earning a termly reward – title of book, page numbers and your signature must be recorded.

We are looking forward to a successful half term. We would like to say thank you in advance for your support.

Kind regards,



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