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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 have lots to look forward to!

We will be beginning with our space topic and our trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. This will take place on **Friday 3rd October**. Please ensure you have given consent and returned the medical form in plenty of time. **Look out for an email that will be sent home soon.** At the Science Centre, the children will learn about space travel as well as consolidating their learning about forces from their Science lessons in school. The visit will also be used as a writing stimulus in their English lessons.

Also 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. This book addresses real-life situations faced by families, alongside factual information about space, finished with a touch of Sci-Fi. Using this as a stimulus, the children will create their own planet to write a detailed setting description, and write in role as the main character of the story, Jamie Drake.

In Mathematics, the half term will begin by further developing the children's understanding of place value for increasingly large numbers (up to 1,000,000), including comparing, ordering and rounding. We will also revisit the four operations and the children will secure their knowledge and understanding of the formal written methods for these. The children will focus on learning long multiplication and short division methods, and they will learn to apply this 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. We also have our residential week to Stubbington Study Centre in the first week of December, so please do not delay in signing your child up for this wonderful opportunity.

This year, the children will continue to have a longer session of P.E. once a week. P.E. day for this year will be on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school every Wednesday, including a change of footwear. There should be no logos (other than the school logo) on the kit, but P.E. footwear can be any colour and include a logo.



The children have been given a new school water bottle and planner, which must be in school each day. We thank you in advance for your support with your child's daily reading and times tables practise. Please ensure that home reading is recorded in your child's planner in order for them to gain a star towards earning a termly reward – **title of book, page numbers and an adult signature must be recorded.**

Finally, could we please ask that you remind your child that mobile phones must not be brought into school and make-up cannot be worn. Thank you in advance for your support on this matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by writing a note in their planner. We are looking forward to a brilliant year ahead!

Kind regards,



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