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Welcome Back Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 will begin an exciting new topic this term, where we will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest, and our class novel will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. After first reading some of the text, the children will be writing a character description and creating an information text on how to survive in the Amazon. In Mathematics, the children will be classifying and measuring angles, before moving on to angles within shapes. The children will also continue to use 'Times Tables Rockstars' to improve their multiplication and division recall, and 'Arithmagicians' to practise their arithmetic skills and knowledge, which they can also access at home using the login details at the back of their planner. In Geography, the children will be learning about climate zones and biomes, including the importance of the Amazon Rainforest. 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 regularly and record the book title, pages read and adult's signature in their planners. 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 reading reward at the end of the summer term.

Your child will continue to receive spellings that are appropriate to their ability each week, and 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 **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school, including a **change of trainers**, and that **all** jewellery is removed. As we move into the warmer months, it is important that every child has a water bottle in school that they can use throughout the day.

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.

Kind regards,

Catherine Mobey

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