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Monday 30th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back as we make our way through the Spring Term. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning experiences in 2023!

Our School Day **starts at 8:40** with valuable reading and handwriting lessons – so please make sure that your child is on time and ready to start learning!

Swimming and **PE** continue on the same days – please ensure that your child has the equipment that they need with them. Don't forget which days your child has clubs after school.

In **Literacy** this term, Year 5 will be reading 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz, the first book in the Alex Rider series and using an animation called 'The Lighthouse' as inspiration for their writing. The children will be writing poetry, stories, diary entries, debates and speeches.

Your children will need to read their AR books for at least 25 minutes **every day** (sometimes aloud to you) and practise spellings that are sent home **weekly**.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what text type they are writing and getting them to explain the features of that text type
- *Reading with your child as often as possible, asking them questions about the text and what they think will happen next
- *Practising spellings from the Year 5/6 list provided and others given by class teachers
- *Helping your child online to explore and read non-fiction books on **myON** using their logins

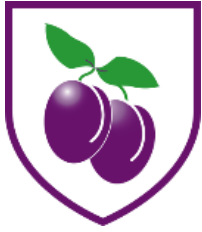
In **Maths** this term, Year 5 will be revising the four operations and exploring word problems linked with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The children will also be learning about percentages, fractions and decimals, 3D shapes and angles.

Please ensure that your child continues to regularly practise their times tables, and how these facts link to division. Every child has a **Mathletics** username and login. These should be used **daily**.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what methods and facts they have learned in maths and encouraging them to demonstrate these to you
- *Practising quick-fire multiplication tables and the associated division facts e.g. $7 \times 8 = 56$, so $56 \div 7 = 8$
- *Helping your child online to explore **Mathletics** using their logins



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In **Science** this term, Year 5 will be exploring 'Living things and their habitats', learning about how plants and animals reproduce and the life cycle of different animals. Then, 'Forces Around Us', learning about gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance, floating and sinking, and revising previously taught learning on magnets and springs.

You can help by...

- *Asking your child how plants and animals reproduce and reading up on this using myON, science books and websites
- *Encouraging your child to demonstrate any practical investigations that we have explored in the classroom

In **History** this term, Year 5 will be learning about the Anglo Saxons, exploring where they lived, how they came to Britain and how they lived their daily lives. After half term, we will be learning about The Vikings, exploring how they fought the Anglo Saxons for land, discussing whether the Vikings deserved their reputation and finding out about Viking raids!

You can help by...

- *Asking your child what they have been learning about and talking to them about the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings and what impact they had on Britain.
- * Encouraging reading up on the Saxons and the Vikings using myON, history books and websites

If you have any other questions or concerns about your child's education, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, Ms Stone, Year Group Lead, or Assistant Head for Key Stage 2, Mr Witham.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Stone, Ms Henton and Ms Kibombo