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Dear Year 5 Parents,

We hope that you all had a restful and safe Easter holidays. We are looking forward to having all the children back in school this term and hope the following will give you a flavour of what you and your child can expect this term in Year 5.

English	In English this term, we will begin by looking at Explanation writing through the Lost Book of Adventure, Our further two unit for Summer 1 will include writing an advertising campaign and poetry based on 'Cloud Burst'. In Summer 2, our learning will be on writing reviews and then a narrative piece based on Birdsong. Within all of these units, we will continue to embedded key grammar foci and develop our writing for purpose and for varied audiences. Spellings will continue to be taught using our Essentials spelling program. This will be 3 short 20-minute spelling sessions per week where we will look at spelling patterns, rules and the Year 5/6 spelling list.
Guided reading	In the daily guided reading sessions, the children will be continuing to build on their fluency and their reading comprehension skills using the VIPERS skills which we refer to regularly in class- Vocabulary, Inference, Prediction, Explanation, Retrieval and Summarising. We will also have a weekly focus on developing independence in our comprehension skills.
Mathematics	In the Summer term, we will be looking at the following areas: Converting units of measure, area, volume and capacity, percentages, problem solving, reflection and translation, angles, multiplication and division, scaling simple fractions, reading timetable and calculating with time, shape and measures, statistics and roman numerals. In addition to our daily maths lesson, we will have 3 short 10 minute maths fluency sessions, focusing on core skills and strategies taught across KS2 and a focus on times tables. There will be a daily focus on developing maths mastery skills and applying understanding of maths strategies in problem solving.
Science	In the Summer Term, we will be studying living things and their habitats including life cycles and reproduction. After half term, we will look at Animals including Humans and will study the circulation system and health and growth, development and puberty. Science will be taught weekly.
Computing	In the first half term, we will complete a unit on databases where the children will learn how to search, design and build a database. After half term we will look at 3D modelling software and how 3D printing is used today. Computing will continue to be taught blocked over one week.
History	After half term we will complete a History unit on the Ancient Greeks. This will include when and where the Ancient Greeks lived, looking at the cities of Athens and Sparta and comparing the Ancient Greek Olympics to the modern day ones.
Geography	Our first topic will be a Geography unit looking at rivers, including key topographical features of rivers and finding out about rivers in the UK.

R.E.	This half term the children will be learning about Sikhism including the Sikh Gurdwara. After half term we will be looking at Justice and Poverty and how faith makes a difference.
PSHCE	The PSHCE focus for the Summer term is relationships and after half term, changing me. We will look at self-recognition and self-worth, building self-esteem, self and body image, puberty, conception and preparing for transition and coping with change.
P.E.	Year 5 P.E sessions will take place on a Wednesday and a Thursday . We will be continuing to keep the children active during their learning but the main PE lessons will be athletics and tennis.
Music	During the Summer Term the children will continue to be taught music by Dragon of the North; a visiting peripatetic music teacher.
MFL (French)	In French will be revising and building on our knowledge of numbers, colours, days of the week and months of the year.
Art and Design & Technology	For Art in Summer 1 the unit is – 'set design' where the children will explore creating a model set for theatre inspired by poetry, prose, film or music. During DT the children will look at textiles and design/make a stuffed toy.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set in the same way this term. The focus for homework will be reading and Maths. Every week, your child is expected to read at least 3 times a week. It is lovely to see what the children are reading in school so please record this in their reading record. In addition to this, they will have 1 piece of Maths homework which will alternate between online home learning and home learning in an exercise book. This learning will be relevant to the learning they are doing in school. If you have any problems with logins for the online learning or for Google Classroom please let us know so we can help to solve any issues with logins. We are also encouraging the children to continue their times tables practice and playing TT rock stars as this really does help their mathematics learning in class.

We hope that this provides a useful insight into the exciting work we will be enjoying this term. If you have any questions that you would like to ask us, please do not hesitate to call or email to arrange to speak with us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kennedy