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Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you and your child to Year 5! We are really looking forward to working with your children again. This letter will hopefully clarify curriculum coverage and classroom routines this year.

In English, we will begin learning about non chronological reports and this will be followed by a descriptive writing unit, poetry, narrative writing and biographies. Throughout the term, there will also be a strong emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar. The children will also enjoy whole class Guided Reading sessions each week, with reading for pleasure remaining at the heart of everything we do.

Each Monday, we will continue with the Spell Excel scheme that the children are already familiar with; spellings will be written in the Reading and Homework Diary and tested on the following Friday. Please help your child to check and learn their weekly spellings. This year, Google Classroom will again form the foundation for home learning activities. The children will still be issued with a Learning Log so will have the option (task depending) to complete their homework either online or in the Learning Log and then submit it by the following Wednesday. In addition we have passwords for online aids such as Mymaths, Number Gym and TTRS which will be used to support Maths. Please also encourage your children to continue with regular reading at home.

During Maths, we will continue to build on prior learning from Year 4, developing skills in understanding number, calculating shape, measuring and handling data. We would like to emphasise the importance of times tables and will continue to encourage the children to practise and learn any times tables they are still not yet secure with.

Our first topic for Science is The Sun, The Earth and The Moon in which we will be investigating the planets in our solar system. Through a range of investigations, the children will investigate why we on Earth experience night and day and why seasons affect our planet. We will investigate moon cycles and properties of the star, that is our sun. We will then move on to our second unit which is Animals including Humans.

This term, we will be learning about Brazil in our Geography Topic. We will be finding out where Brazil is on the map and the countries that border it, before exploring the physical and human geography of this country. We will carry out a case study examining indigenous tribes and the effects deforestation of the rainforest is having on them.

Swimming will start again on Monday, 7th September this term. PE will be on a Thursday and this term we will be developing skills in Rugby and Table Tennis.

On a Wednesday morning, Mrs Cheshire will be teaching French and the children will be learning about Au Café/At the Cafe and Au petit déjeuner/At breakfast. Mr Turner will be teaching the Music curriculum. RE lessons will focus around Pilgrimage and Jesus and PSHE will be based upon Being Me and Celebrating Difference. Our computing lessons will focus on Sharing Information and Video Editing. During Art we will be learning about Shades, Tones and Tints and will work to produce moodboards and in our Design and Technology lessons we will be focusing on Seasonality and will be making smoothies and soups.

We hope that your child will be very happy in Year 5 and we would like to thank you for your help and support in advance. As always, if you have any questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Lewis and Mrs McVeigh

