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Year 5 Autumn term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Year 5 have made a great start to the Autumn term and are quickly and enthusiastically settling into the routines and expectations of the new year. We are so delighted to be teaching your wonderful children again. We are excited to embark on our second term of the new Brookfield curriculum. We are revisiting the theme of 'Communication' and, so far as is possible, the different subjects will link back to this theme. On the back of this letter we have outlined the content of the subjects we will be learning about.

Please note that we expect your child to be reading at least 20 minutes a day now that they are in Year 5. Despite them being older, we would still recommend that you read with your child as often as possible, at least twice a week, so that you can help them develop their fluency and confidence when reading aloud, and can question them about what they are reading to aid their comprehension skills. Consistent support and practise of number skills, i.e number bonds, times tables and mental addition/subtraction will also have a hugely positive impact on your child's progress in Year 5. Encouragement and support with spelling practice is welcomed too. Your child will be set weekly spelling and times tables to practice which we will test them on every Tuesday, as per last year, and we will be monitoring their progress carefully.

If you have any questions or need to arrange to speak with one of us, please use the Year 5 email (below) to arrange this.

Best wishes,

Lauren, Emily & Laura
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Key dates for your diary

Wednesday 15th September: (10am) Curriculum Meeting via Zoom. This will be recorded and put on the school website.

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95104793735?pwd=ZE5QeUFsY0plWEM5WUc3RVhMR2g4dz09>

Meeting ID: 951 0479 3735

Passcode: Year5

Thursday 23rd September - 9am: Parents/carers Maths Workshop

Thursday 7th October - 1.30pm: Open Afternoon

Friday 8th October: INSET day

Half term week beginning: 25th October

Weekly schedule

Monday: Willow class P.E.

Tuesday: Homework due - Times tables test and spelling test

Wednesday:

Thursday: Homework set on Google Classroom. Ash & Willow P.E.

Friday: Ash Class P.E.

Theme: Communication

In PHSE we are focusing on: Mental Wellbeing

Our value of the term is: responsibility

We will be learning about this in assemblies. We will also be considering the theme of responsibility within the different subject and topics studied over the course of the term.

As writers: we are enjoying the text 'Diver's Daughter' and will be looking at how we communicate through writing in letters, diaries and newspaper reports. In Autumn 2, we look forward to reading 'Wolf Wilder'. To help your child excel in writing, please ensure you are supporting them in their spelling practice for homework each week (set on Google Classroom), and draw attention to the punctuation used in books when they are reading to you!

As readers: we are going to be delving deeper in the texts we study in writing and will be developing our fluency, comprehension and inference skills. It is crucial that you encourage reading at home and read with your child, questioning them on their understanding.

As mathematicians: We will focus on our number skills this term and will practise formal methods of calculation for the 4 number operations, order, compare and round numbers up to 1,000,000.

As computer scientists: Whilst working on our skills of typing and practicing our timestables using TTRS, we look forward to exploring publishing written pieces using J2Write.

As historians: we will be exploring the Kingdom of Benin and will be learning about some key new concepts such as the use and purpose of historical artefacts and evidence and fair and ethical trading.

As artists: We will be working with clay, developing our sculpting techniques to create pieces inspired by the Benin Bronzes.

As musicians we are practising our skills of rhythm, pitch and pace.

As sportspeople: we are working on Netball and Hockey. Our focus will be on developing tactics and strategy.