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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had an exciting but restful half term. It has been brilliant to see all the children so eager to be back in the classroom, ready for more exciting learning.

Outlined below are some important bits of information and any key dates coming up over this term.

As in Term 1, I will continue with my very high expectations of the children and to encourage them, wherever possible, to be independent in their learning. This includes getting themselves organised and ready for the day but also to be proactive with solving problems within the classroom before asking an adult. Children are to still come into class and check the visual timetable as well as the board to see their early morning task. Lots of that Diamond Power! Please encourage and support your child with this as much as possible especially with water bottles and school jumpers.

Curriculum Coverage

Our topic 'Shadow of the Minotaur' will continue over this term. We are going to look more closely at the geographical areas surrounding modern and ancient Greece. We will be comparing human and physical features of the landscapes over time. A reminder that our Greek Day, with the option of dressing up, is on Wednesday 28th November. Please remember to send in your reply slip if you do not wish for your child to take part in the food tasting or if they have any allergies as well as the £1 voluntary donation.

P.E. will be taught on a Monday and Thursday afternoons but please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school every day.

Please see the attached topic web for the rest of the curriculum coverage.



Home Learning

The set home learning will continue with weekly spellings to learn and the Pick 'n Mix activities. Spellings will continue to be a big focus in Year 5 this term. We have had a huge success in class with our investigative approach to spellings; looking at rules, patterns, phonemes, and syllables, origins of the words, synonyms and antonyms. The list is endless. All the children have been really engaged and eager to find out more ☺

Children will be given differentiated spellings for the week, depending on the level they are working at in class. The children will be given 10 spellings but some of their words are in grey, not black, which means they are rules or patterns which your child may need to recap. Please use the look, say, cover, write and check format to practise the words at home.

Children in Year 5 are encouraged to read at least 3-4 times per week and this needs to be recorded, either by the child or parent in the reading record. Reading records will be checked every week depending on when your child has their guided reading session.

We will continue to focus on improving our knowledge and speed of times tables using TTRockstars online activities and daily practice, as well as specific focus sessions in class. Again, Mathletics activities will be assigned, linked to the curriculum coverage in class; however, once these tasks have been completed, they are free to choose any activities or games.

School Values

Our school value this term is Trust. Please share the poem below with your child as we will be learning about this in school.

TRUST IS...

Taking someone at their word

Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends.



Up and Coming Dates / Events

Thursday 22nd November - Year 5 Open Session. 2-3pm. Come and see all the amazing work we have been doing in class.

Thursday 6th December - Class 5 assembly - Trust.

If you have any queries or questions then please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Herbert and the Year 5 Team.

