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Year 5 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Spring Term of Year 5. Please find below the main topics that we will be looking at this term along with general information regarding organization and expectations.

English & Maths

In English, we will be looking at narrative units based on the texts of Oliver Twist and The Viewer followed by persuasive letters. We are looking forward to seeing more high quality writing produced by the children.

In Maths, this term will focus on written methods for multiplication and division as well as moving onto working with fractions. It is really important that children are secure with their multiplication facts as this will help them to succeed in the topics we are covering this term.

For the other subjects that we will be covering, please see the table below:

Spring1	Spring 2
Science – Properties and changes of materials	
History – Maya Civilization	
Computing – Coding	Computing – Databases
Art – Self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo	DT – Textiles – creating an insulated cupholder
PSHE – Keeping Myself Safe	PSHE – Rights & Responsibilities
RE - Power	RE - Resurrection
PE – Gymnastics & Dodgeball	



Homework

This continues to be given out on a Friday and is due back in school, ready to be class marked the following Friday. It will alternate between English and Maths. Spelling lists will also be sent home every Friday for the children to look at and practise in their own way.

Independent/Regular Reading

We continue to expect the children to be reading regularly at home (at least 4 times a week) and recording it in their reading journal. Each child should have a school reading book that they are reading however they are encouraged to read different books for pleasure as well as widening the genres that they read. We will continue to collect the reading journals in weekly in order to monitor the levels of reading that children are doing. As the children are now in Year 5, we allow them to record their own comments however we encourage them to write sensible, quality comments about what they have read.

PE Kit

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Children will come to school dressed in their PE kits for these days. As the weather gets colder and wetter, it may be helpful for your child to bring a spare change of socks and/or trousers on these days as well as making sure they have adequate layers. Earrings need to be removed or taped on PE days. Please ensure your child brings tape to school if they need to tape them.

If your child is taking part in swimming, then they must come into school in full school uniform on a Wednesday.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Hall and Miss Mapleston
Year 5 Teachers