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### Year 5 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Spring Term of Year 5, the children have come back ready to learn and have impressed us with their focus this week. Please find below the main topics that we will be looking at this term along with general information.

#### **English & Maths**

In English, we will be using our geography theme of oceans to create factfiles, poetry and a fantasy story. We will also be using our history topic to write diary entries, letters and a biography. We will continue to do focused spelling lessons and daily punctuation and grammar work.

In Maths, this term will focus on written methods for multiplication and division as well as moving onto working with fractions. Following this, we will look at decimals and percentages, perimeter and area and statistics. 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:

<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>
<b>Science</b> – Properties and changes of materials	
<b>Geography</b> – Why do oceans matter?	<b>History</b> - Tudors
<b>Computing</b> – Word processing and coding	<b>Computing</b> – Spreadsheets
<b>Art</b> – Self-portraits in the style of Frida Kahlo	<b>DT</b> – Textiles – phone cases
<b>PSHE</b> – Keeping Myself Safe	<b>PSHE</b> – Rights & Responsibilities
<b>RE</b> - Power	<b>RE</b> - Resurrection
<b>PE</b> – Dance	<b>PE</b> – Gymnastics



## **Homework**

This continues to be given out on a Friday. This term we have decided to do some homework in homework books. This is due back into school on a Wednesday so we can mark it.

## **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. 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 be on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, children will need their PE kit in school all the time. 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.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Neumann and Mrs Hoskins  
Year 5 teacher