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Monday 7th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brilliant to welcome everyone back after the most extraordinary last 6 months. All children have had a different experience of lock down. The main point being that we have all started afresh, settled quickly into learning and faced up to the new challenges. There have been some new routines around the school, which both children and adults have had to adapt to – we are still tweaking.

Our Year 5 team consists of Mrs Adams, Mrs Lloyd (AM), Mrs Wiper (PM), Mrs Best and Mr Millwood (Trainee Teacher) in 5RA and Mr Giles, Mrs Norsworthy and Miss Brown in 5PG. At a later stage, Mrs Edgerton will be teaching Music and French with both classes and Mrs Hiscock will be cooking with Year 5 but this will be dependent on Government advice around ongoing covid 19 precautions.

Both classes will be reading Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman with writing centred around poetry, vocabulary collecting, sentence constructing, drama and discussion. In Maths, we will start off with place value and counting up to one million.

Our Topic is Geographical Skills this term. In science, we will be focusing on life cycles of animals, in Art, we will learn about charcoal drawings, in Computing, systems and in PSHE, New Beginnings. In DT, we will be designing and making a Sweet House; please see the attached over view for more details.

For Homework, at the moment, we are just asking for each child to 1] to read daily 2] to learn times tables, up to x12 and 3] learn weekly spellings – these will come home on paper each Thursday. Please either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (5 times a week would be ideal). They can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc!

As in other year groups we will also set a family homework task linked to our topic, please see the topic over view for details.

Children need to wear their PE kits and Queensgate sweatshirt into school on these days; 5PG on Tuesday and Thursday & 5RA on Wednesday and Friday . We will aim to do as much outdoor PE as possible so we suggest that as the term gets colder they have dark tracksuit trousers. In addition to their shorts, T shirts and trainers; spare socks might be a good idea too.

Please ensure all kits, school uniforms, trainers, shoes and coats are named as things can get muddled very easily.



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Year 5 is set to be an exciting, challenging year. We aim to make the learning as interesting as possible and we will set high expectations for behaviour, work and progress. We appreciate, as always, your support in helping us to teach your children effectively.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any further questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning. We will be having formal parent consultations just before half term when we will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled in and the progress they are making.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team:

Mrs Adams, Mr Giles, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Wiper, Mrs Best, Mr Millwood, Mrs Norsworthy and Miss Brown.



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