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Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break. Over the Spring term your children are going to be studying these topics and taking part in lots of exciting learning opportunities.

English

We will be using a range of texts and videos to help us learn and apply different writing techniques, including The Boy in the Tower and The Water Tower, The Lighthouse Film and The Spider and the Fly. We will continue to develop our understanding of punctuation to ensure that capital letters, full stops and commas are consistently used correctly. Spellings will continue to be given out on a Monday. We have a dictation lesson on the following Monday to enable the children to apply their learning. It is very important that your child practises their spellings regularly at home, to help them build confidence and become more independent in their reading and writing. Please can you ensure that your child brings their spelling book into school on these days so that they can have their new spellings to take home and so that they can see how well they are doing in the dictation sessions. Reading books can be changed regularly throughout the week, and the children are also able to choose a second book from the library to take home and read.

Maths

This term we will continue to develop fluency in addition and subtraction and solving 'real life' problems. We will also be focussing on:

- multiplication and division
- fractions
- decimals and percentages

as well as reviewing and recapping previous learning in our daily fluency sessions.

Science

Our topics this term are:

- The Earth and Beyond (Space)
- Feel the Force (Forces)

Computing

We will be learning to:

- Create media with video editing,
- Data and information with databases.



Art

This term we will be developing our ability to capture the spirit of a place in our topic:

- Mixed Media Land and City Scapes.

Design and Technology

We will be finishing learning about Bread, and moving onto our new topic of:

- Textiles, combining different fabrics and shapes and ultimately creating a cushion cover.

Geography

Our focus in geography is South America, specifically focussing on Brazil.

History

We will continue and conclude our learning about the Mayans.

PE

In PE will develop our skills in gymnastics, dodge ball, dance and basketball.

Our PE days have now changed to Tuesday and Wednesday as we are no longer swimming. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times, as we are often able to participate in additional sessions throughout the year. We try to take the children outside for PE as much as possible, so your child will need a separate pair of suitable trainers and long jogging bottoms. If your child normally wears tights, they will also need a separate pair of socks in their PE bag. If your child cannot take earrings out they need to be taped over, watches/smart watches are not permitted during PE lessons and these also need removing for the lesson. Long hair should also be tied up for all PE lessons.

Helping your child

In order to help your child learn effectively and grow in their independence, please support them to be ready and equipped for the school day.

- Children feel more settled and ready to learn when they arrive at school on time.
- Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time.
- Limit screen time in the evenings, especially just before bed.
- Listen to your child read each day and sign their journal. Children are able to choose a brand new book to keep from our Reading Reward collection in the library every time an adult at home has heard them read 25 times.
- Read a story to your child regularly.
- Help them to complete their homework and to learn their spellings.
- Help them to learn their times tables.
- Ensure they have all the right equipment for school.

Equipment:

- Named book bag, reading book, reading record, library book, named water bottle, **clearly** named clothing (uniform and PE kits), named lunchbox if required.

Our homework grid will go up onto Google Classroom in the next couple of weeks. Any work completed can be uploaded onto Google Classroom. Please do not use this as a platform for adding photos that do not relate to the home-learning topics, as it can detract from the learning focus.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Baker and the Year 5 team