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Dear Parents,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all to Year 5. So far, the children have settled in fantastically and we have been extremely impressed with all of their efforts already. They seem to have particularly enjoyed moving over to the huts as they now have slightly bigger classrooms. We are looking forward to the rest of the half term and have detailed some of the key information and expectations below that may be of use to you.

Homework

We will shortly be beginning to send out weekly homework. The focus will be Maths, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and the times tables. Normally this will be set on Seesaw using the new Home Learning codes that the children have brought home. We will also provide links to TT Rockstars and Ed Shed. Both of which provide educational games for the children to consolidate and practise their skills in these areas. Homework will usually be set on a Monday and checked on the following Monday. There is also a continued focus on reading. Children will be able to read their Reading Challenge books or their book band books at home and it would be great to see them evidence this in their Reading Journals.

Curriculum Autumn 1

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number and Place Value to at least a million • Negative numbers • Squared and Cubed Numbers • Multiples and Factors • Prime Numbers • 4 Operations (addition and subtraction)
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Peat sentence types with a focus on main and subordinating clauses. • Relative pronouns and relative clauses. • Proof reading written work for errors. • Planning, edit and publish sustained writing. <p>We will be learning to write for the following purposes:</p>



	To inform – Non Chronological report on the Rocky Planets To empathise and entertain – To write a diary entry from the point of view a book character.
STEM Project	This half term we will be learning all about Space! Our enquiry question is 'How does failure help us succeed?' – We will also be focusing on the concepts: Dreams, Resilience, Dedication and Creativity. During this enquiry, children will learn about the Solar System and the planets. We will mainly look at the four rocky planets and examine how they all orbit the sun. This will eventually lead us into looking how people have explored space with Rovers and Satellites.

PE and Outdoor Learning

As you will be aware already, each class has one day of PE. Wolves is on Tuesday afternoon and Panthers will be on Wednesday afternoon. We would like the children to continue to wear school PE kit on these days. The children also have an outdoor learning slot timetabled with Mr Richards on a Monday afternoon. However, as we are sure you can appreciate, schools are very busy, unpredictable places and this could therefore change from week to week.

German

The children will also now be learning German with Mrs Bruening on a Monday afternoon. This will be an exciting introduction to the basics of the language.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and your child's learning. We aim to make this year as happy and successful as possible for all of the children.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 team

Mr J Hill

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