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Dear Year 5 Parents,

It is incredible to think that we are already into the second half term and perhaps even starting the Christmas countdown! It has been good to catch up with the children again and to hear about some of the things that they were able to do in their holiday outside of a lockdown. At the moment, we are enjoying Science Week and have been able to plan and conduct some of our own investigations as well as take part in a workshop all about forces. We have another exciting half term planned and below is some of the key information you may wish to know.

### Homework

Our homework is now up and running each week. New homework will be set on the Monday and checked together the following Monday. Homework will be set on Seesaw and will sometimes contain links to EdShed and TT Rock Stars. The focus of the homework will continue to be maths, SPaG and spelling. A task linked to something we are doing in school will be set for the children to complete, which we will talk through with them in school. The EdShed website has a number of educational games on which the children can play at any time and this is also where they can find the spelling words we are looking at each week. We are also setting weekly TT Rock Stars battles that the children can join and have the opportunity to earn certificates in celebration assembly. In addition to this we would like to see the children recording their reading they have done at home in their reading journals. They can use this to evidence their progress in the school's reading challenge.

### Curriculum Autumn 2

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing to revise and introduce various arithmetic questions</li><li>• Discussing the variety of methods they can use and which ones are most efficient</li><li>• Work on the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)</li><li>• Solving multistep word problems and using the inverse to check</li><li>• Measurement – perimeter and area</li></ul>
English	This half term we will be learning to write for the following purposes:



	<p>Writing a diary entry from a characters point of view; showing emotions throughout.</p> <p>Writing a letter to persuade</p> <p>Writing a newspaper report to inform and recount events.</p> <p>In all of these units we will continue to focus on improving our vocabulary and sentence types. Write with cohesion and also editing and improving our own pieces of work.</p>
STEM Project	<p>This half term we are continuing with our enquiry question is 'How does failure help us succeed?' – and the concepts of: Dreams, Resilience, Dedication and Creativity.</p> <p>The children have enjoyed learning about space so far and now we are turning our attention to forces with a lot more hands on experiments. We are also hoping to have an explorer dome visit the school later in the term (more details on this will follow).</p> <p>We are also excited to make our own Mars Rovers in DT and use crumble boards to programme these to complete a series of 'missions'.</p>
<b><u>PE and Outdoor Learning</u></b>	<p>PE will continue on the same days for both classes but will now be moving inside where the children will learn to play seated volley ball and develop their skills in balance and co-ordination throughout the half term. 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.</p>
<b><u>German</u></b>	<p>The children will also continue with their German lessons with Mrs Bruening on a Monday afternoon. They have been enjoying this so far and have even started replying in the registers with some German greeting they have learned.</p>
<b><u>Listen 2 Me Music</u></b>	<p>On a Friday afternoon, we have a Hampshire music specialist come to work with the children. They have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions so far where they have learned about making their own tracks on Garage Band. These sessions will continue until Christmas.</p>

Hopefully you will find this information helpful. If you do have further questions or if you are unsure of anything then please feel free to contact us and we would be happy to help!

Kind regards,

The Year 5 team

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