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Dear Parents,

It is amazing to think that we are already half way through our year together. The children worked incredibly hard last half term and really enjoyed finding out more about the Maya people. They particularly enjoyed building their Maya temples on Minecraft and hopefully we will have finished our information videos soon to share on Seesaw. The children have also been brilliant at Stubbington this week and have been a real credit to the school. They loved the variety of activities and even managed to squeeze in a little bit of sleep! This half term we are keeping the same enquiry question of: 'Are we becoming more civilised?' however, we are shifting to look more at British history and how the rules of crime and punishment have changed over the years. We started this off by welcoming the local MP into school who talked to us about his job and also took a lot of challenging questions from the children. As always, if you need to talk to us, please feel free to contact the school office or chat to us on the doors in the morning or after school.

Curriculum Spring 1

Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to revise and introduce various arithmetic questions Formal written methods of multiplication (multiplying 4 digit numbers by a 2 digit number) Formal written methods for division using a division brackets (dividing 4 digit numbers by a 1 digit number)
English	<p>This half term we will be learning to write for the following purposes: Letter writing Writing a balanced argument</p> <p>In our guided reading sessions we will be looking at the Highway Man poem as well as some extracts from Oliver Twist and Holes.</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>
History and Geography	<p>This half term we have a new enquiry question of "Are we becoming more civilised?" - and the concepts of: Democracy, consequence, responsibility and justice.</p>



	This half term we will be thinking about rule of law in Britain and the role parliament plays in this. We will also look at the how crime and punishment has developed over the years for different groups of people.
<u>PE and Outdoor Learning</u>	The children will continue with PE in the hall this term and their days are as follows. Wolves: Tuesday Panthers: Thursday On their PE days, the children should come to school dressed in school PE kit. Our focus in PE now will be balance and also their ability to work in a team. We will do this through the games that we play and the skills we practise. 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.
<u>German</u>	The children will also continue with their German lessons with Miss Bruening on a Wednesday afternoon. They will continue to grow their vocabulary and ability to communicate in another language.
<u>Listen 2 Me Music</u>	On Friday afternoons, we will continue with our ukulele lessons before hopefully performing a concert to another year group on the school.
<u>Homework</u>	Homework will continue to be set on a Monday with the instructions or links provided on Seesaw. This is in addition to the reading children do at home either independently or with an adult 3 times a week. Often the links will be to Ed Shed or TT Rockstars so the children will need their log ins for these. If they need a new copy then they are able to ask when they are at school.

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

Mr J Hill

Mrs C Trinidad

