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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 5!

I hope you have all had a lovely holiday and have managed to make the most of your time together. I am hopeful that the children are ready to get stuck into some exciting and challenging new learning! There are bound to be a few questions about returning given the six weeks away from school and the lack of a transition day but please be reassured that, as a school, we are ready and prepared to help your child slip back into their routine. That said, should there be any concerns regarding this, then please do come and see me.

The school day and routines may appear slightly different to what they had become used to last year but we have all learned how children adapt remarkably well and with very little fuss when faced with such things. I'm sure the same will be true for the start of this new academic year. Although 'mingling' of year groups will still be on a reduced level, we are no longer bound by the stringent measures as had previously been the case.

Our first topic in year 5 is 'What happened after the Romans left?' which focuses on the Anglo Saxon invasion of Britain. I'm sure the children will enjoy getting to grips with this topic and that they will gain much from the different activities that we do. Over the next half term the children's main creative homework is an 'Anglo Saxon' project and not the creative grid they have had previously. The children can create a model, PowerPoint presentation, an information booklet etc. In fact their only limit is their imagination! They have the full half term to complete the project and they will form part of our class displays. If you have any questions regarding this piece of work please don't hesitate to contact me but I will also explain in detail to the children.

I will also send weekly Maths or English work for your child to complete. This will be provided via DB Primary and will be set on a Friday for completion by the following Thursday. If your child has issues/difficulties accessing the online homework, I will also provide opportunities in school for them to complete. I thank you in advance for your support – I really do appreciate it.

Your child will also have a weekly times table and spelling test. I encourage you continue to revise times tables with your child (using Times Tables Rockstars, Hit the Button etc.) – as if they are not constantly reinforced they are easily forgotten. The tests will take place every Friday and, in the case of the times tables, if they complete a level they will progress onto the next.

A key focus in Year 5 is reading and it is something that I'd really like your support with. Children will bring a book home to read along with a reading diary. I would be really grateful if you could help your child in reading at least three times a week and that their reading records are signed by an adult. I'll collect the diaries in on a Friday so that I can sign them too once I've looked at them. Your child can also read their own books that they have at home should they wish (alongside the one brought home from school), but again please record this in their diary. Our main focus is getting the children reading with regularity and fostering a love of it.

P.E. will take place on Mondays and Thursdays with Mr Bland. Children should come in their normal school uniform on these days and will change into their PE kit for the lesson. Can I please ask that children wear the correct school PE kit consisting of blue t-shirt and maroon shorts and not just general 'sportswear'(although tracksuit bottoms and tops can be worn for the lesson if the weather requires so). PE lessons will primarily take place outside so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately as we approach Autumn and Winter.

We are always available to chat about any issues or concerns that may occur over the year, so if you feel there is something that we should be made aware of then please do get in touch.

Many thanks in advance for your support,

Mr. Browell and Mrs. Parry

