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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5. I know these have been strange times but I am looking forward to getting back to some normality. It will be lovely to see you all again, together ready to do some fabulous learning in the classroom.

find attached the curriculum overview for this term; we have some very exciting to look forward to, including an Online National Art Gallery workshop and a day at school. I hope that you will be able to follow the information given and therefore support your child's learning in school.

Homework

Homework continues to be an important means by which schoolwork can be further practised or extended so in year 5, homework will be sent home as follows:

- Spellings will be given out on a **Thursday** and tested the following **Thursday**.
- Times tables will be tested every **Wednesday**, where we will all be striving to reach our next goal!
- 2 pieces of homework will be given each week. This could be a maths and Literacy or one of these and a topic piece of work. The day it will be given out will be a **Thursday** and handed in by the following **Wednesday** so that it can be returned the following day. Homework tasks follow on from recent class work and are designed to be completed independently. Videos, images or PowerPoints will be (when appropriate) uploaded onto Class Dojo to enable clarification of the task and support to continue at home.
- Reading: children need to read at home at least **four** times each week to an adult. This should be recorded in their home - school diaries, on each date they have read. Any independent reading carried out in class will also be recorded on 'My Reading Record' page so you can see how they are progressing. Children will be completing guided reading sessions where their reading will also be monitored. Home school diaries will be collected in every **Monday** morning and credit points will be awarded to those children who have completed 4 lots of reading at home each week. If this has not been completed, the children will be expected to catch-up on their read during lunch time as it is such an important part of their learning.

I hope to have many word millionaires this year!

Each homework task is designed to take no longer than 30 minutes each. Therefore, if you are finding that a homework is taking longer please stop the children after this time and record where they got to. Additionally, if your child has needed support to complete their task, please also make a note of this at the bottom of the page. I am always happy to discuss homework and provide extra support where needed.

Children should continue to bring their home school diary, reading book and language book into school **every day**. They should not bring pencil cases as we have all the resources at school. If there is something we need to be made aware of e.g. doctors / dentist appointments / being picked up by another adult, please also make a note of this in your child's diary and **ensure they hand it to us in the morning** as these will not be checked on a regular basis unless a note is brought to our attention.



PE this term will be on a **Monday (Real PE)** and **Wednesday (Rugby)**. Please make sure PE kits are in school for these days. As it stays cooler and we try to do as much physical activity outside, children will need the appropriate school tracksuit bottoms and tops to wear for the Rugby outside sessions, alongside trainers and spare socks for outdoor activities. A spare plastic bag might be useful, especially as their trainers become very muddy.

We will continue '**Book Show and Tell**' so that the children can share and recommend their favourite books of the moment. This will allow children to get excited and share their excitement with other children in the class!

Please feel free to speak to me on Class Dojo or via a telephone call, if there is ever anything you wish to discuss or clarify. I am very much looking forward to the start of this academic year!

Yours Sincerely

Miss James