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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2023 1st Half

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have all enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the start of the new academic year. We are really pleased with how the children have settled into their new classes this week.

Reading

For our English and Guided Reading lessons this half-term, we will be studying the text '*The Giant's Necklace*' by Michael Morpurgo and looking at the poetry of Charles Causley. We will also complete writing based on a beautiful short film: 'The Lighthouse'.

We would like to remind you of how important it is to encourage your child to read on a daily basis and welcome you to make an entry in your child's reading diary when they read at home. Children have the opportunity to change their books most days and therefore will be required to have their current reading book and reading diary in school with them at all times. This will help support the Accelerated Reader programme which we run in school and allow teachers to monitor reading closely. We expect children to read independently at home for at least 30 minutes a day.

Spellings:

Over this half term we will be looking at different strategies to help us with our spelling from the No Nonsense Spelling Scheme. We will particularly focus on words with the letter string 'ough', silent letters, words ending in '-able' and 'ible' and homophones.

Maths

We will be continuing to use 'Times Tables Rockstars' to support the children with learning and consolidating multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to regularly use Time Tables Rockstars to practise at home. You can access the TT Rockstars website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

Home Learning Projects:

This term our history topic is about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings and our science topic is 'Properties and Changes of Materials' which our home learning project will be based on. Please see the document with some starter home learning ideas for this half-term. Your child may bring their completed project work into school to share with the class.

PE:

Children will need to come into school in clothing suitable for PE on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. On Wednesdays, the children will be doing indoor PE with Mrs Oram and on Mondays, children will be doing outdoor PE with their class teacher. It is essential for children to wear trainers for Wednesday PE lessons. Children will need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that all children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General Reminders:

Please ensure your child brings a clear, plastic water bottle to school daily. Children are able to refill these in school

Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day if you need to talk to us or you can book an appointment for after school if you would prefer.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Bright and Mrs MacDonald
Year 5 teachers