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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5

I am writing to introduce the Year 5 team and explain what we are going to be teaching in Year 5 up to Christmas.

Meet the team

Miss Hollidge - Class teacher
Miss Lannigan - Teaching Assistant
Mrs Bridges - Teaching across Year 5 until November
Ms Hale – Teaching assistant across Year

Year Five Autumn curriculum is mostly based around our topic “Impact of war on Banbury”

English

Our writing this term will be inspired by the experiences of children in World War 2 and we will be reading the story: “Goodnight Mr Tom.” We will be covering a range of genres starting with how to create a character in a narrative. We will be looking at how authors use different ways to bring their characters to life, including dialogue, descriptive writing and interaction with other characters. Later in the term we will be looking at writing from the perspective of a character in the form of letters and diary entries. The children will be revisiting genres they have written before in their topic writing, including non-chronological reports.

Mathematics

In maths we will be continuing to develop our mental maths strategies and practising tables (up to 12x12). We will focus on ordering and rounding numbers up to 1,000,000 and investigating negative numbers. We will also be re-visiting and learning new formal strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Other topics will include length, shape and direction, and time.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

We will begin the term with a unit of work called ‘Protective Behaviours.’ Within these lessons, the children will discuss: what being safe feels like, early warning signs, body awareness and privacy (including giving the correct name for all body parts), understanding how to manage risky situations, identifying who they can talk to if they feel worried and practicing problem solving skills. Our next topic is called “Good to be me!”. This will include looking at Queensway as a community, thinking about the class community; we will also be thinking about ourselves and how we become the characters that we are.

French

In French the children will be developing vocabulary relating to finding their way around town. Children will learn the names of high street buildings, how to ask where places/buildings are and give directions.

To find out what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the '**Knowledge Organisers**' which can be found on the **class blog**.

PE days: Thursday and Friday afternoons

What homework to expect and when

Homework will be given out on **FRIDAYS** to be handed in the following **WEDNESDAY**. Homework will consist of a Maths, English and Spelling task. We ask that children spend approximately 30 minutes on their homework. Please can you encourage the children to keep the same standard of handwriting and presentation as their class books.

Ways you can help your child

- Please make sure that your children are reading at home. We will be sending home ways that you can help them by discussing their books. Please come and talk to us if you would like some advice about what your child should be reading. We continue to encourage children to read for 15-20 minutes each day.
- Practical activities such as counting money and getting involved in cooking at home, weighing and measuring can also be a great way for children to relate their maths learning to everyday life.

If there are any problems with homework, please do not worry and have a really stressful weekend trying to get it done! We are always happy to have children bring the homework back before it is due in to talk through with us - this is a great habit to get into in preparation for secondary school.

Please feel free to come and ask questions of the staff in year 5 if you need to. We would ask that you avoid the mornings as this is a busy time and we try to get teaching underway promptly.

I look forward to working in partnership with you all this year.

Best wishes,

Miss Hollidge (Class Teacher)