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Dear Parents,

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. Below is a short overview of what we will be learning about up until May half term. For more detailed information about what we are learning in all the other subject areas please look at the 'Knowledge Organisers' which can be found on the Google classroom pages.

Year Five Summer curriculum- 'Extreme Earth!'

English

In English in this term, we will be exploring a variety of non-fiction text types, including non-chronological reports and leaflets, based on our Geography topic, Extreme Earth. The children will be developing their research skills by discovering and summarising information about Volcanoes. They will also have another chance to develop their narrative writing, in both terms 5 and 6, through character exploration and inference. In Term 6, the children will have the opportunity to write informative texts about the city of Pompei and extra narrative work around this topic.

Mathematics

In maths we will be continuing with counting activities that involve counting in steps of fractions and decimals, steps of 10, 25, 50, 100 and practising tables (up to 12x12). We will be working with negative numbers and counting forwards and backwards through zero. We will also be learning how to solve problems which use knowledge of percentage and decimal equivalents and those fractions with a denominator of a multiple of 10 or 25. The children will also be refreshing their knowledge of improper and equivalent fractions and then will move on to multiplying fractions along with adding and subtracting. In term 6 we will be learning how to add and subtract decimals numbers including when used in worded problems. The children will also further their knowledge of geometry and shape by solving missing lengths and angles of 2D shapes. They will continue to identify both 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE)

In PSHE this term we will be learning about the importance of having rights and responsibilities. The children will be able to differentiate and explain the difference between having the right to do something and the responsibility of something. We will also explore children's rights. In Term 6, the children will learn explore issues surrounding growing and changing. They will discuss different types of changes and growth that they might experience and how they can cope with these things in their day to day life.

What homework to expect and when

English and Maths homework will be given out on **FRIDAYS** to be handed in the following **WEDNESDAY**. Please can you encourage the children to keep the same standard of handwriting and presentation as their class books. We will be trying to promote independence this year so if there is a problem with homework, we encourage them to bring it back before it is due in to ask for help-this is a great habit to get into in preparation for secondary school.

Spelling homework: This will consist of either a spelling challenge or a list of words to learn for a spelling test the following week. This homework will be related to the spellings we are learning that week and will form an important part of building knowledge of different spelling patterns.

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. Don't forget we still have a library in our local area-it's free to join and is a great resource for topic books as well as novels.
- 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. We try, as the children move into the last two years of primary school to encourage independence as much as possible.
- Please ensure your child is logging on to their times tables rock stars account regularly. This will improve their rapid recall of the times tables facts, which will help them in all areas of mathematics.

Please feel free to come and ask questions of the staff in year Five if you need to.

PE days

On Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons. This will be predominantly outdoors. Please ensure that your children have the appropriate clothing according to the weather.

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

Best wishes

Miss Lauren Hollidge (class teacher)