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Dear families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back. The children are settling quickly into their learning and facing up to the new challenges in Year 5.

Our topic for the whole of the Autumn term will be The Ancient Greeks. In English, we will start by reading Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman. We will continue with The Beasts of Olympus by Lucy Coats and finish up with The Odyssey retold by Gillian Cross. In Maths, we will start with place value and understanding of numbers up to one million before moving on to calculations using the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and then fractions.

In science, we will be focusing on materials and their properties and conducting a number of practical investigations in which we compare and group materials according to their properties. We will also investigate reversible and non-reversible changes. In Art, we will be experimenting with charcoal and creating drawings inspired by Hansel and Gretel. In DT, we will be designing and making a pop-up book for a traditional tale. Please see our separate overview letter which explains our learning in detail.

Homework will be given out and collected in every Monday. We ask that you please either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (five times a week would be ideal). As in other year groups, we will also set a family homework task linked to our topic, please see the topic over view for details.

Children need to wear their PE kits into school on Mondays and Wednesdays. We will aim to do as much outdoor PE as possible, so we suggest that as the term gets colder they have navy tracksuit trousers. In addition to their shorts, T-shirts and trainers; spare socks might be a good idea too. Please ensure all kits, school uniforms, trainers, shoes and coats are named as things can be muddled very easily.

Year 5 is set to be an exciting, challenging year. We aim to make the learning as interesting as possible and we will set high expectations for behaviour, work and progress. We appreciate, as always, your support in helping us to teach your children effectively.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any further questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning. We will be having formal parent consultations later in the term when we will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled in and the progress they are making.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team:

Mrs Adams, Miss Saddington and the Year 5 team.



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