



# Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year to you all!

We are all, still, mindful of Covid and we just need to be thoughtful and considerate of others; there will be updates of information in the main school weekly newsletter.

This half term our Topic is Magical Materials, see attached sheet. We will be focusing mostly on Science, investigating all aspects of materials, particularly the changes that occur when you heat, cool and mix them.

Our class book this term will be Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, by J. K. Rowling. We will be exploring the characters, settings and plot in preparation for writing our own narratives before half term and non-chronological reports next half term. Our second text will be Until I Met Dudley which focusses on inventions and how things work. Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (5 times a week would be ideal) and don't forget to get them to fill in the record book so you can sign it.

The family homework this term is..... to create and bring in a magical potion along with a spectacular spell, which explains how to make it and what will happen to the person who drinks it \*.(We will **not** actually be drinking them so the potions can be as weird and wacky as you like but please be stored in a sealed, non-drip container!). This is due in w/b 7<sup>th</sup> March.

This term our main sporting activity is swimming which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon, beginning on January 12<sup>th</sup>. All children must bring a swimming costume, towels and goggles and a swim hat (if they wish) all in a waterproof bag. Please label everything! The children are likely to arrive back to school at approximately 3:15 after swimming due to traffic implications.

5RA will have their PE on Monday and 5PG will have PE on a Tuesday– children to wear their PE kits to school on these days please.

Parent evenings will be just after half term but please let us know if you have any questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Adams, Mr Giles and the rest of the Year 5 team

**Working together for a successful future**