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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year to you all!

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. The children are already very excited about it! 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. Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves.

Homework will be given out each week on a Monday and will need to be returned the following Monday. Children will be given two pieces of work and each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete.

This term our main sporting activity is swimming which will take place on a Wednesday afternoon, beginning on January 11th. All children must bring swimming costumes, towels and goggles and swim hats (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.

Both classes will now need to wear their PE kits into school every Tuesday.

Please make an appointment to speak with us 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, Miss Saddington and the rest of the Year 5 team