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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely half term and are ready for the final half term in Year 5! It is a busy one with events such as sports days and Olympic Games week.

This half term our Topic is called Exploration and the overview is attached to this letter. We will be focusing on modern day explorers, such as Shackleton and Armstrong, and finding out about Space, the Solar System and different regions of the planet Earth.

Our class books this term will be Ice Trap! Shackleton's Incredible Expedition by Meredith Hooper, and One Giant Leap by Robert Burleigh. We will be using these semi-biographical texts to generate ideas for diary writing. Additionally, we will be creating space poetry with the aim of presenting and sharing.

Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves (five times a week would be ideal). All children should also be practising their times tables and spellings at home- it is essential that they know their times tables fluently before they start in Year 6- please test them and help them to practise.

The family homework for this half term is to write a biography of an explorer (other than Shackleton or Armstrong). It must include facts and details of the explorer's successes and failures. The homework must be in by Monday 12th July. This can be presented as a power point (bring in on a memory stick) or on paper.

This half term, Year 5 will be focusing on athletics, rounders and tri -golf in PE and Games. Both classes will require their swimming kit for Tuesdays and come in their PE kits on Wednesday (5RA) or Thursday (5PG) - we hope to be outside for all of our PE lessons. Sun-cream or a hat is in addition to a water bottle is advisable in the summer term.

As the weather, hopefully, warms up, pupils are reminded about their own personal hygiene. Please encourage your child to wash properly before school and apply deodorant if they need to. This will be further discussed, as part of the PSHE unit of work, which for this half term continues to be relationships. As part of the scheme, we will be talking about sexual relationships in accordance with the national curriculum. If you have any questions about the content please ask a member of staff.

Dates for the diary; School closed Monday 21st June due to an INSET day.

KS2 Sports day (if confirmed) Thursday 1st July (Approximately 9:15 onwards- weather dependent)

Reports to go home: Friday 16th July



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Family Homework due in: Monday 12th July

Break Up – Friday 23rd July at 3pm.

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, Mr Giles, Mr Millwood, Mrs Norsworthy, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Best and Miss Young



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