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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We have all been excited with the move into the splendid new building. The children have settled in really quickly and soon found their bearings and understood the new systems (better than us!!).

This half term, we are continuing our Topic of Magical Materials. We will still be investigating all aspects of materials, particularly the changes that occur when you heat, cool and mix them.

Our class book this term remain Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, by J. K. Rowling; this might be a good source of ideas for the World Book Day on March 5th where we are encouraging all children to dress up as a character. We will be writing and non-chronological reports, based on Hogwarts. 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 homework format will remain the same: Maths Challenge and English will be set on a Monday to be handed in on the Friday. Homework should be slightly challenging but if your child is really struggling please speak to us or write a note on the work itself so that we are aware. Each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete. Remember the family homework of making a potion and explaining it!! Please bring these in anytime from now.

This term our main sporting activity is swimming which will take place on a Tuesday afternoon, restarting on March 3rd. Same arrangements as before ie 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 still require their PE kits to be in school at all times, 5PG will have indoor PE on a Monday and 5RA will have their PE on Thursdays.

On Friday March 6th, Year 5 are taking part in, the annual singing competition, leaving school about 9.30 and returning before lunch. Later on this term are the Spring Term Parent evenings – please make every effort to book an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

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

Working together for a successful future