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Dear Year 5 parents,

I hope you all had peaceful and restful Christmas break. I would like to thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards given to myself, Mrs Senior and Mrs Gooden.

English

We will be finishing off our Greek myths and will be spending the first week of the new term planning and writing our own myths. Over the term we will also look at explanation texts and link this to our Geography topic when the children will write a non-fiction report about a European country. We will also look at poetry, where the children will look at the difference between raps and poetry and then write and perform their own raps.

Maths

We will then look at poetry where the children will write and perform their own raps. We will listen to raps and poems and learn the difference between the two. We will then look at a fiction unit and study 'oranges in no man's land'. In this unit we explore a fiction set in Lebanon. We will use discussion and role-play to explore the characters and the impact of civil war. The children will then write a story from a different character's point of view. We start the term looking at strategies for multiplication and division and then move onto adding and subtracting larger numbers. We then move onto formal written methods for multiplication and division and comparing and ordering fractions and looking at equivalent fractions. We also focus on times tables 3 times per week. The children are given a sheet of 60 questions and have 3 minutes to answer as many as they can. By doing this, we hope that the children will become more familiar with their times tables and the aim is to work more quickly each time. The children work at their own level for this and move to the next times tables once they have scored over 30 throughout the week (the children know each week which times tables they need to be working on).

Please encourage your child to use times table rock stars www.ttrockstars.com to practice on.

ICT

We will continue our unit on coding before moving onto online safety and then spreadsheets.

Science

Science will continue to be taught by Mrs Gooden this term. The children will continue their topic on forces and then will move onto 'humans and other animals'.

French

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French will be taught by Mrs Gooden. The children will be learning to ask what the date is and to comment on the weather.

Humanities

This term we will be studying 'Modern Europe'. Year 5 and 6 will work together. During this topic, we will cover our art and design and technology for the term.

We will be working on our map skills and using atlases to identify countries and capitals in Europe. Then we will look closely at the countries; Russia, Italy, Norway and France. Our study on Russia will explore how biomes help to protect us. We will also be linking our science knowledge to create food chain mobiles, adaptation fold-ups, an online classification key and a model of a biome. We will be investigating the mysterious draw of the volcanoes of southern Italy for settlement when we explore Italy. In our learning about Norway, we will study the geography and winter sports of Norway through considering forces and investigating friction challenges. Finally, our work on France will include looking at a range of artworks to inspire learning about the human and physical geography of France, including its climate zones; discover the art of Cézanne, Seurat and Morisot and where their works are located geographically. Our final project will include an art show and French café afternoon.

PE

Each week the children will have outdoor and indoor P.E. Please ensure that their P.E. kit is returned to school each week after washing. On Thursdays the children will have an indoor PE session and on Fridays, for outdoor P.E. your child will need trainers. Plain dark track-suit bottoms and a sweatshirt will also be needed as the weather becomes colder.

Design and Technology

This will be covered in our Europe topic.

Art

Art will be taught cross-curricular within other subject areas and in all areas of work

Homework in Year 5

Every night:

Reading or discussing a book
Learning times tables (3x per week practice in class) and spellings (for a test on Friday)

Once a week: grid

One piece of work to be completed from the homework

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Please check the Homework folder and sign the homework when your child has completed the work.

I hope you find this information useful and I look forward a fantastic term of learning with the children. If there is anything you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me to make an appointment.

Kind Regards

Mrs Meadows
Year 5 Class Teacher