

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term, and are ready for Autumn 2. Our cross – curricular topic for this half term in Year 5 is:

Spies and Detectives



We will be researching about the history of spy gadgets and what materials they were made out of and why. We will be using a variety of texts to find out interesting facts about famous spies and detectives and using these to create biographies. We will also be creating our own animations based on a spy using computer programming.

Literacy: We will be writing in a variety of genres this half term, with a focus on writing our own narrative stories based on the book Stormbreaker. We will be reading Storm breaker as a class, both in and outside of Literacy lesson. Using this text we will make inferences on appropriate characters and settings as well as discussing our opinions of the text. We will also be studying the affect that different vocabulary and grammar has on our writing and how we can edit our work for improvements. We will be learning how to use relative clauses in order to create tension in our writing, as well as experimenting with variation of sentence lengths.

Numeracy: This half term we will be continuing to look at timetables and converting between units of time. We will also be looking at factors, prime numbers, cube and square numbers and mental and written methods for multiplication and division. Then, we will apply this when calculating area and perimeter.

Science: Our topic for this half term will be Forces. This includes gravity, water resistance, air resistance and friction.

Homework: Homework is given out on **Fridays**. It usually consists of two pieces of work, as well as mental maths and spellings. Children should bring completed homework into school by the following Wednesday in order for it to be marked.

What you can do to help:

Reading – This is a vital part of your child’s learning. Please listen to them read as well as developing their enjoyment by reading to them. Encourage your child to bring home a book from the book corner to read. Make sure this is recorded in their reading record.

Homework – Encourage your child to do their homework and bring it back to school every Wednesday.

PE Kit – This needs to be in school every day – dark shorts, white T- shirt, black plimsolls or trainers.

Library – Remind your child to bring their library book in every Thursday.

Water – Please give your child a named bottle to keep in school.

If you would like more details of what we are doing, or have any questions about your child’s work, please make an appointment to see me after school.

As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

Throughout the year we will look at the five British Values, this term we will look at Mutual Respect. The lessons will focus on what it means to accept and embrace other races, religions, and ideas without prejudice or judgment. We will learn about respecting others for their differences whether they are race differences, religious differences or even socioeconomic differences.

Yours Sincerely, Miss Price and Mrs Holloway.