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Dear parents/ carers,

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Welcome to Year 5! I am looking forward to a great year working together to help our children shine.

Everyone has settled in really well into the school routine, and are all raring to enjoy our learning journey for the year ahead. The children have already made a fantastic start, showing excellent behaviour and attitudes and we are looking forward to getting to know them better over the coming months.

We hope to see you at the parent welcome meeting on Thursday 28th September, in the meantime, this letter provides key information, so that you can help us to support your child's learning throughout their year.

PE

Our class will have PE every Tuesday afternoon and swimming on Thursday afternoons. Please ensure children have a swimming kit and a towel. Long hair must be tied back.

Our first half term's topic is invasion games, so children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kit (including trainers) in school on Tuesdays. After the holidays we will be studying dance, which will take place indoors.

Homework

It is hugely beneficial for children to read at home daily or as often as possible. Children on the reading scheme will have a school reading book, while children who have progressed onto free readers may read either a book from our class library, one from home or one from the school library. It is essential that your child reads a wide range of books to develop their reading skills and vocabulary.

When your child reads with you at home, please write comments about how they are getting along in their reading record book.

Please also read a book aloud **to** your child. It's a great way to share a love of books and model how to read with expression. It will also give you chance to discuss ideas with your child such as;

'Why did the author choose that word?'

'What do you think will happen next?'

'How is that character feeling? How do you know?'





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Each child also visits the school library weekly to select a book to read in school.

You should read with your child daily and spend 5 minutes every day practising their spellings.

Please ensure your child practices their times tables for 5 minutes every day ready to be tested every Friday.

Weekly spelling sheets will also be sent home to be tested.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to pop in after school, or to make an appointment for a convenient time.

Yours in continued partnership,

Mrs Anderton