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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 5. We hope you have enjoyed a restful summer holiday and your child has returned refreshed ready for the busy, but exciting year ahead.

The information in this letter is intended to advise and remind you of the expectations in Year 5. We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. The year 5 team are here to help and support you and your child at Templewood School.

Class teacher – Mr Luke Holloway

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Heather Gilhooly (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Lisa Worsley (Friday)

Parent Surgery

Please encourage your child to share concerns with us during the school day, as we will try to resolve them immediately, rather than going home with worries. If you have any problems please book an appointment for our Tuesday parent surgery. Alternatively, a comment can be added into the Home School Link Book which is checked weekly. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.

Autumn Term Curriculum Coverage

The following outlines some of the curriculum activities that the children will be working on this term:

Subject	Content
Literacy	The Railway Children News reports Poetry
Mathematics	Place value and rounding of large numbers Interpret negative numbers Place value of numbers with up to three decimal places Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 Properties of number – multiples, factors and common factors Prime and composite numbers Multiply and divide mentally Solve problems involving knowledge of key facts Add and subtract using a range of strategies



	Add and subtract using formal written methods Formal written method for multiplication Formal written method of short division Equivalent fractions Compare and order fractions Adding and subtracting fractions
Science	Earth and Space Forces
ICT	We are game developers
Art	Painting and collage
Design and Technology	Moving toys
History	Study beyond 1066 – WW2
Geography	Time Zones
RE	Rules for living – Judaism and Christianity
PE	Outdoor and adventurous activities – using teamwork/communication Invasion games
Music	Journey into Space
PSHE	Health and wellbeing
French	Les Planètes and On the way to school.

As part of our themed approach at Templewood, we will be linking some of our work in Year 5 to the topics of Space and WW2.

Home School Link Book

Every child has a Home School Link Book in which they record their homework and reading each week. Please check and sign your child's book each week. These books are handed in every Monday and checked.

Learning Logs & Homework

Reading

Children are expected to take responsibility for their own recording of reading in their Homework Book. They need to read 3 times a week and make comments on what they have read. However, your child can read and record more often if they wish.

Spelling

Children will be issued with spellings on a Friday in their home spelling book and will need to return them on Thursday in preparation for their spelling test on a Friday.

Mathematics

Mathematics tasks will be issued on a weekly basis that the children will need to complete. Children will only be able to complete other games and activities once they have completed the tasks set by the teacher.

Learning Log

The topics of this will vary from week to week according to our subject focus. Each week there will be an English or Maths task and an activity linked to our foundation subjects work. Learning Logs will be given out on a Thursday and must be handed in on the following Tuesday. It should take children approximately 45 minutes in total to complete both tasks.

P.E

Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons although it is useful to have a kit available all week. The children need a labelled PE kit and trainers for when we go on the field. If the children do not have their PE kit, they will be unable to take an active part in the lesson. If this was to happen on a continuous basis you will be sent a reminder.

Timetable

Your child will have a timetable attached to their Home School Link Book in order for them to keep track on the equipment they will require on a daily basis. We hope that this will also encourage the children to organise their school bag at home.

Clothing

Each child is expected to have a pair of indoor shoes to wear whilst in school. Shoes will be changed at break and lunch times, therefore it is essential that your child has these.

Educational Visits/Workshops

Each term we look at the appropriateness of planning educational visits and workshops to support our topic areas. We are only able to run the visits and workshops with the support of your voluntary contributions. This term in Year 5 we will be going to Burwell House. There will be a meeting on November 8th September after school at 3.30pm with further details of this trip.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to contact me and arrange an appointment.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Luke Holloway

Year 5 Class Teacher