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Term 3, 2019 Year 5 Curriculum Letter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, as always, we would like to thank you for all your help and support. Term 2 was a long and busy one with many highlights. We designed and made tasty bread rolls; experienced a Victorian school day and enjoyed science experiments involving chemicals and separating mixtures.

To help you support your child with their learning in Term 3, we have outlined the basic areas of study. We hope this information will give you an insight into your child's education.

Homework:

Thank you for your continued support with the homework. **We would like to encourage all children to complete at least one of the tasks on this term's menu.** We look forward to seeing their hard work. Spelling homework will continue to be set and collected in on Wednesdays. Children are also expected to practise their times tables on TT Rockstars and complete the tasks set on My Maths.

Reading:

- ✚ We expect children to have daily opportunities to read **to**, or **with**, someone at home, as well as independently; reading can include: books, newspapers, magazines, online reading, ebooks, reading tablets, information books, adverts, menus, poems, song lyrics – the list is endless. The important thing is that your child reads regularly and enjoys, and is engaged with their reading!
- ✚ We would like you to encourage your child to record their own reading in their Reading Diary in a simple way e.g. date, title/piece read and any personal comment they would like to add.
- ✚ Please feel free to add any comments or questions in to your child's Reading Diary. **Teachers will collect the Reading Diary in and a purple star will be awarded for determination if there is clear evidence of regular reading.**

Daily Organisation: Children are required to be in school by 8.40 a.m. We would like to encourage the children to line up when they arrive at school in the morning so that we can welcome them in when we come out.

Curriculum:

English: The National Curriculum covers all aspects of comprehension, composition, grammar and punctuation as well as handwriting and spelling. This term we will learning how to write persuasively and continuing to develop our understanding of spelling rules and grammar.

Maths: The National curriculum is followed and Maths takes place on a daily basis. To start the new year we will be enjoying a week of Inspirational Maths activities. This will be followed by a focus on addition and subtraction methods, perimeter and multiplication. Please encourage your child to practise and apply mental maths skills. This could be quick responses to times tables, calculating change required in shops, the length of a television programme or estimating measures: e.g. distances, temperature and length. Please remember TT Rockstars!

Science/Topic: Our main topic for this term will be Space. We will be thinking about what is in space, investigating how we get day and night, the phases of the moon and how we get different seasons.

Art: As part of our topic we will be looking at the work of a modern artist, Peter Thorpe, who creates space related collages.

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PE: Correctly named PE kit should be kept in school all week. Children should bring their PE kit in on a Monday morning and take it home on a Friday afternoon to be washed. A reminder that PE kits should consist of: Navy Blue shorts, a plain white T shirt or a coloured T shirt with LPPS logo, and trainers for indoor PE; and jogging bottoms and a sweat shirt for outdoor PE. Year 5 PE Days are Monday and Friday. We will be improving our fitness with circuit training and further developing our netball skills.

RE: This term we will focus on the big question: How do people's beliefs about, and attitudes towards, God, the universe and humanity act as a guide through life?

French: This term we will be developing our vocabulary associated with numbers and the weather.

Important Dates:

Term 3 starts: Tuesday 8th January

Robin Hood Pantomime: Wednesday 16th January

Cake Crumbly: Thursday 17th January

Parents' Meetings: w/b 11th February

If you have any problems, questions or concerns do feel free to discuss them with us, bearing in mind that before school is a very busy time.

We wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to Year 5, in 2019!

Vicky Owen, Cathryn Fernandez, Kim Adlam and Heather Manthorpe
Year 5 Class teachers

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