

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unbelievably, it is the second term already! A short one, but the one in which most progress is made in your child's learning journey. To maximise the use of our time, please ensure your child arrives on time at the beginning of the school day at **8:25am**, so that learning opportunities are not missed. This term we will be focusing on two topics, 'The Romans' during the first half term and moving onto 'Active Planet' in the second half.

In English, we will be providing a balance between fiction and non-fiction in the form of narratives based upon the founding of Rome and on the brilliant Michael Morpurgo book, 'Running Wild' as well as a travel guide on visiting Ancient Rome. Linking to our topic, we will explore a number of creative skills, including collages, in order to inspire further ideas and some brilliant writing! To ensure that your child makes as much progress as possible, it is essential that they are reading at least 4 times a week and that they bring their reading record to school **every day**. Your child should be taking regular AR quizzes and be reading a range of different books.

In Maths, we will be revisiting many of the areas covered thus far, this time in further detail. By now, your child is expected to be secure in their recall of both multiplication and division facts, which link to the maths topics that we cover. This is supported brilliantly by 'Times Table Rockstars' so please ensure that your child is regularly logging in and playing to support them in their learning. Once the children are secure in both multiplication and division, they will find it easier to apply this knowledge to fractions, decimals and percentages.

To help you plan for the coming half term term, please find following a list of important dates:

Dates for your Diary – Autumn 2019:

PE & Swimming:	5A Tuesday/Friday 5E Thursday/Friday 5L Thursday/Friday
Final swimming session:	Friday 31 st January 2020
Year 5 Safer Schools talks:	Monday 13 th January 2020 and Monday 20 th January 2020
Safer Internet Day:	Tuesday 11 th February 2020
World Book Day:	Thursday 5 th March 2020
RSE week:	w/b Monday 2 nd March 2020
Consultation evening:	Thursday 26 th March 2020 – 3:30pm onwards
End of Term:	Friday 3 rd April 2020 – 1:00pm

As always, please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform, including shoes and anything your child wears in their hair. Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for their lessons. The final swimming session of year 5 is on Friday 31st January 2020. After this, each year 5 class will have an additional PE lesson on a Friday. Home learning is due in **every Wednesday** and spelling activities should be completed alongside an activity from the home learning grid. A letter will be going out soon regarding a year 5 home learning project and we cannot wait to see what is produced!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's life at school, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day. You can also contact us through Class Dojo and make an appointment at the school office if you need more time with any of us. We look forward to continue working with you to ensure your child is maximising their learning, having fun and making amazing progress!

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5 Team

Miss Iesini Mr Morrissey Miss Miller Mr Hunt Mrs Butcher Mrs Nicolaou Mrs Sparwell