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### **Year 5 Spring Term Curriculum Letter**

Year 5's Spring topic will be called ***Pushing the Boundaries***.

In our English lessons we will be reading J K Rowling's Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We will continue to develop our writing skills focusing on all of the age related expectations required of year 5 writers, whilst plugging gaps from previous steps. We will also continue to develop the children's understanding of language and writing in weekly S.P.A.G. and Comprehension lessons. Children will have opportunities to apply these skills not only in English lessons but when writing in other curriculum subjects.

In Maths lessons the children will continue to develop their number knowledge and will have the chance to apply the skills covered in the Autumn term. The children will be learning about statistics, fractions, decimals and percentages in the Spring term. We will also be running Challenge Maths lessons where children will have the opportunity to develop their mental arithmetic, times tables and written calculation skills in small groups.

In History lessons we will be learning about the Anglo Saxons and their settlements. Children will then use the internet and a range of primary and secondary resources to further research this topic.

Science will be taught by Mrs Adams and will focus on Forces and Earth and Space.

PE will continue to be taught on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**. It is important that all children have the correct P.E. kit and that it is suitable for the weather conditions as P.E. session will still be outside. We will be having PE in the first week back so all kits must be in. We will also be developing our leadership skills by completing a Junior Sports Leader Award as part of link with the School Sports Network. Children will then be able to apply these skills in a range of activities across the year supporting other children and promoting sport across the school.

In our Computing lessons we will continue to develop our programming skills, whilst furthering our understanding of online communication e.g. sending emails. Children will also continue to use the internet to research and this will link with our History work as we investigate the Anglo Saxon period.

In music lessons children will continue to develop their understanding of notation and begin to compose some of their own music.

Children will develop their drawing skills in Art lessons. We will also look at collaging and sculpting whilst making cross curriculum links.

Homework will continue to be given weekly. Maths and/or English homework will be set each week allowing the children to consolidate their learning. Next term children will have weekly spellings sent home which are specific to the year 5 writing skills and will be assessed every Friday. Daily reading should be completed and stickers are given weekly to children who have read the minimum 4 times or more over the week.

I hope that the children are looking forward to the next topic as much as we are! The children have worked extremely hard this term and have been very busy. They should be very pleased and proud of their efforts; they have certainly earned their break.

Have a great Christmas and we look forward to see you all in the New Year!

Mr Allard & Mrs Lack