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## **Welcome back to Handale and welcome to Year 5,**

I would like to start by saying how impressed I have been with all of the new Year 5 children this week. It is great to be back in school and seeing so many happy, smiling faces from children who are ready to work hard and succeed with their learning. I am familiar with how hard the children have worked in previous years and the great successes that they have enjoyed and this year I will have the same high standards in expectations in preparation for Year 6. I am confident that the children will continue to work with determination and perseverance. This newsletter is aimed at informing you so you and your child can know what to expect during this term, moving on into the rest of the school year.

## **Curriculum**

As always, the Year 5 staff, myself alongside Mrs Robinson, will be working to make sure the children learn in a fun and exciting way. During the first half term, Year 5 will have a geography theme to their curriculum learning, focusing on the Amazon Rainforest. This will switch to a History theme after half term, which will focus on the Saxons.

Please remember that you do not have to wait until parents' evening to get in touch. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of school life, our door is always open.

## **PE**

We will be completing our two hours of PE lessons on a Thursday afternoon. These lessons will alternate between tag rugby and gymnastics. There will be other opportunities throughout the curriculum which require the children to wear a PE kit, such as orienteering whilst learning map skills in Geography, so please make sure children bring their PE kit to school every Monday in their PE bag provided by school and we will send it home for washing on a Friday. Handale's PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes. Black tracksuit bottoms can also be worn during winter.

## **Homework**

In Year 5, children will receive 3 small tasks to complete at home: read at home three times (more on that below), practice the weekly class spellings and complete a maths task. These tasks will allow children to continually reinforce what they have learned in school which, with recent events, is ever more important. I know I can count on your support at home. These will be handed out to your child on Mondays and will be taken back in on Fridays.





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We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child’s topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

### **Reading at home and in school**

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this terms ‘*Read for the Stars*’. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don’t expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages are acceptable and this way your child won’t get bored. Last year’s reading parties were a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term, so make sure you get those three weekly reads in!

### **School Trips**

Due to recent events, we don’t have an Autumn Term trip planned currently but I do aim to take the children out into the local area every few weeks to further our learning in school, including a walk through the woods and the library. More information will be sent out to you regarding this in due course.

Once again, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

Mr Bell

Year 5 Teacher

