

9 January 2018

Dear Parents,

**Welcome back!**

Welcome to the first half term of 2018! After a fantastic start to life in Year 5, this should be the term when things really start to click into place, and lots of progress is made. I am sure that the children will continue to work hard in the coming months and produce even more examples of quality work.

**Topics for Autumn 2**

English: Non fiction; instructions. Narrative; descriptive writing and special effects. Reading; The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman

Science: Materials and their properties

Geography: Mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes

RE: Buddhism; mindfulness

Maths: Multiplication and division; factors and multiples; times tables

Art: Pencil and paint skills

PE: Invasion games and dance (both indoor and outdoor kits required)

**Home reading books and spellings**

Please encourage your child to choose books that are challenging but enjoyable from within the appropriate colour band - and support them at home, so that they can change their book regularly. Reading for 20 minutes a night really is the single most effective thing that you can do with your child to aid their progress and development in school. The main homework pupils should be doing in Year 5 is reading.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Friday, and your child will be assessed a week later. Whenever possible we will try to link the spelling lists to the topics and spelling rules being studied in class. Additional homework (usually quizzes and mini tests) will also be sent home regularly.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Lomas and Miss Stubbs**