

## Year 5 Spring Term

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to the return of Spring. A quick note to say thank you so much for the festive gifts we received as a staff; we are always very grateful for your kindness and support.

### Curriculum

This term, our main Science topic will be forces, in which we will study key phenomenon such as fraction, gravity and water resistance. As well as this, our History and Geography topics will be, once again, closely linked through looking at the geographical features of our local area alongside the history of Reading and Berkshire. Our DT focuses for this term will be creating stuffed toys and building bridges alongside our Architecture topic in art. We will also be learning about Hinduism in RE.

Full curriculum overviews can be found on our school website.

### Reading

The children are now expected to change their school reading book independently and will be regularly reminded to do so. Please help to encourage the children to record what they read in their reading books and take responsibility for their learning as we continue to prepare them for Year 6 later on this year!

### PE

Our weekly PE sessions will continue to be on Monday (EPC) and Tuesday this year. Please ensure the children are dressed in the appropriate school PE uniform and are suitably prepared for learning outdoors during the colder months. Please also ensure earrings have been removed or that the children are able to remove them independently and that they are able to wear appropriate footwear for a range of sports and activities.

### Home learning

As we enter the second term of Year 5, please continue to regularly support the children where possible with everyday tasks such as reading, handwriting, times tables and spellings. With regards to home learning there are a few notable changes. Firstly, we are going to move the weekly due day to Tuesday in order to help the children improve their organisation. On Tuesday afternoons, we will complete our spelling tests and review our work with new activities being issued for the following Tuesday. Please continue to support the children take responsibility for their ongoing deadlines. From **week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January**, home learning will be set on Microsoft Teams across the whole school alongside our new website. More information on this will be released as the term begins in a separate letter.

### Library

Our library day is Friday, please ensure the children bring in their library book on that day and return any outstanding library books.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either by finding me on the playground or emailing the office.

Many thanks

Mr Young