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Dear Parents,

20th February 2017

Firstly, may I welcome your child back after half term. I thought that I would give you an outline of some information which you may find useful for this term.

Half-term topics

Our topic this half term is 'Changing Materials'. Ideas for home that you could do together are:

- a. Carry out simple experiments together involving solids, liquids or gases.
- b. Visit museums which have practical science activities for children to carry out – e.g. Conkers, The National Space Centre or Carsington Water.

The children will continue to have swimming on a Thursday morning with Mrs Powell, and will also have PE on a Wednesday morning. Both a full indoor, and outdoor, PE kit will need to be in school every day.

Homework

a. Practising times tables.

The children will ultimately need to know their 2 to 12 times tables to instantly recall multiplication and division facts. (All the tables can be found in the Home Diary.)

b. Weekly homework.

This will be sent home on Mondays to be completed and returned for the following Monday morning. This will alternate between English and Maths. The children will also have a topic homework project. This term, the topic is Science. Further details of this can be found in their homework books.

c. Home reading

Children need to aim to read five times each week. Ideas to support this can be found within their reading diary. At Year 5, this needs to be a mixture of the children reading aloud to themselves and answering questions about the text with an adult in order to develop their comprehension skills further. Please could you sign in your child's reading diary at least every fifth occasion to confirm that they have done this. They will then be given a 'reading raffle ticket' to place in the Key Stage 2 reading raffle box. If their name is pulled out in the grand draw at the end of the half term, they will be able to choose a book of their own to keep from a selection presented in assembly.

d. Spellings

The children will have weekly spellings which will be given out on a Monday and then tested on a Friday. These will be written in their spelling journals and will need to go home each night to learn. The children will also need to learn the 20 key Year 5 spellings.

e. Targets

The children will have termly Numeracy and Literacy targets which they will also need to practise. These were given out last half term.



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I would appreciate your help in giving reminders to complete the work and, if necessary, by giving direct help. Please let me know, of course, if your child seems to be struggling with the work.

Water bottles

Children are allowed to have a water bottle to drink from during lesson time. As this will be kept on their table, the bottle must be named and have a **sports bottle type valve** to minimise the chance of spillages and damage to work and books. As part of our healthy-eating policy, the bottle must contain only water and not juice or flavoured drinks. If you need any further information, please contact me at school.

Class trip

A class trip is currently being organised for the end of this half term. Further details will be sent out later this week.

Class assembly

The Year 5 class assembly will take place this Friday on 24th February at 10:15am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend, and a crèche will be available for pre-school children. During this assembly, you will have the opportunity to see the fabulous work which the whole class have done with their World War Two topic, and will also see their amazing homework topics which they carried out last half term.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to see me in school.

Many thanks,



Mr M Rodgers

