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Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your children have had an enjoyable summer and feel refreshed ready to start the autumn term. We are really pleased to welcome the children back and are looking forward to the busy term ahead.

This is just a brief letter to welcome you all to year 5 and to give you some information of how things will run.

As you are aware, Miss Usher will teach year 5 for three mornings a week and Mrs Hodgkiss year 6. The classes will then join in an afternoon and will be taught by Miss Usher. Mrs Hodgkiss will teach year 5 and 6 on a Thursday and Friday.

Reading and Spellings

Children in year 5 are expected to read each evening at home and return a signed reading record each day. These will be checked each morning by myself or a member of the class team. Children will also be expected to practise their weekly spellings at home. These will be given each week and reinforced during English lessons.

Homework

Homework will be given on a Wednesday and will need to be handed in the following Monday. There may be some weeks children don't have homework apart from reading and spelling practice. Please do take time to look at your child's homework with them and help if needed but please do not do it for them!! Feel free to comment in your child's homework book as we always find it useful to know how your child managed with the task set. Homework will be targeted to the needs of the individual child so you may find that that their task may be different to that of their peers.

School Lunches

Lunches are provided by Dolce from the school kitchen every day for a price of £2.40. They can be ordered and paid for online by visiting www.live-kitchen.co.uk or you can use a Dolce envelope which can be found in the front reception area of school and hand it in to the school office.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon with Brad from Barrow AFC. Children will need suitable trainers and PE kit in school at all times please. Swimming starts back on Thursday 14th September. Year 5 and 6 will be swimming for the full autumn term and this will cost £2 per week. Please send the money in each week or you can pay for the whole term if you so wish. Money should be sent in a named envelope please with the word 'Swimming' on it. Thank you!



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Topics to be covered this term.

Please find below a list of topics the children will be covering this term. English and Maths will be taught daily and other subjects will be taught as units.

English	<p>We will continue to consolidate previously taught grammar skills whilst introducing new aspects of grammar, which they will be encouraged to apply to their own writing pieces. Some of the text types children will write this term are biographies, stories, reports and poems. Children will also be introduced to new spelling rules.</p> <p>I aim to read to the children for ten minutes each day. This term children will listen to the following novels; Letters from the lighthouse by Emma Carroll and Wonder by R.J Palacio.</p>
Maths	<p>We will cover all areas of maths this term. Please support your child in learning their times tables by heart. Knowing their timetables can have a huge impact on the progress they make in all areas of maths and often knowing these can make maths 'easier' for them to learn. There are some good websites to help reinforce timestables skills and children seem to like playing 'Hit the button' which can be found at www.topmarks.co.uk</p> <p>Another area we find the children need support with is telling the time. This is an important life skill and although we do practice this in class we would appreciate your help teaching your child to learn to tell the time using a 12 hour analogue clock at home.</p>
History	<p>The Hanoverians - Children will use a variety of sources to find out about the different Hanoverian monarchs and the effect their rule had on Great Britain. They will consider what life was like then and compare it to life now.</p>
Geography	<p>North America - We will be studying the North American Continent closely and finding out about different physical and human features of many of the countries. We look at how the USA has changed over the years and reasons for this.</p>
Science	<p>The Human body - Mrs Hodgkiss will teach science this year and this term the children will be looking closely at the human body and how it works. There will be particular emphasis on the heart and circulatory system.</p>
RE	<p>We will be finding out about the Hindu faith with a focus being on Hindu Dharma. The key question will be do we have to live our lives a certain way? Children (and staff) will be asked to bring in two photographs of themselves as a baby/ younger self. This will be later in the term so I will send a reminder then.</p>
DT	<p>This term in DT children will recap their previous knowledge of rationing during the second world war and will use this knowledge to design, make and taste a healthy soup. The children really enjoyed</p>



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	making pizzas last year and I am sure they will apply their skills from this and will make some delicious soups. I can't wait!!
Art	We will be studying the artist Edgar Degas and looking closely at some of the techniques he used in his works.
Music	Mrs Hodgkiss will teach music. This term the children will be studying the composer <i>George Gershwin</i> .

Natterjacks out of school club.

We are excited to announce that the Natterjacks out of school club is up and running. Places can be booked on the day or in advance so if you wish to book a place please contact the school office. Prices are £1.50 for Natterjacks Breakfast Club, £2.25. for the first hour at Natterjacks After-School Club or £4.25 until 5pm! Discounts available for brothers and sisters attending the same sessions! Breakfast club will now run from 7.45 - 8.45pm

I am looking forward to working with you all this year. If you wish to speak to me for any reason please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can either make an appointment to see me or I am available after school Monday to Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

Miss K Usher