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Year 5
Summer term newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

We hope you are safe and well and have been able to enjoy some good quality family time over the Easter break. We enjoyed seeing the lovely photos that some of the children shared on Google classroom. It is rather a strange way to start a new term but we will do our best to support your child's learning during the current school closure. It is a challenging time for all of us and we really do appreciate the support you are providing in helping your child to complete the work we are setting for them.

All work will continue to be set on Google classroom. If you have any problems in accessing assignments then please do let us know as soon as possible. Details for each activity will be given alongside a suggested timetable for the week. Please note the word 'suggested' as we are aware that some of you are also working at home alongside supporting your child and other siblings with their school work. Some parents have said that they found the timetable useful in structuring the day but please adjust as to what works best for you and your family. The children's priorities should be to spend around half an hour each day working on their spellings and to complete the literacy and numeracy tasks set for them. Regular practising of time tables is also important. Could you please also remind your child to 'turn in' their work once it is finished. This allows us to then view their work and mark or give feedback.

Below are details of the curriculum areas that we will be covering over the next half term.

Curriculum for the first half of the summer term

Literacy

Where possible, work will be linked to the children's learning in their science, geography and history work. This will include use of the internet to research facts and information which will then be used to write texts such as non-chronological reports, fact sheets and newspaper reports.

Numeracy

The children will continue to follow the curriculum using materials provided by White Rose. There will be short videos for the children to watch and then worksheets linked to these videos. Each Friday the children will be completing tasks on Mathletics linked to the work covered earlier in the week. The children will be starting the term looking at decimals including work on place value and adding and subtracting decimals.

Geography

The children will need to spend a couple of weeks finishing off their work on Australia. They will look at its unique wildlife and environmental problems faced by the country.

History

The children will be undertaking a unit of work on the Vikings looking at who they were and where they came from. They will look at what made them successful invaders. They will also explore aspects of their daily lives such as diet and housing.

Science

The children will finish their topic on Earth and Space before moving on to a unit of work on animal life cycles.

Art

Art activities will continue to be linked to the children's work in science, geography and history.

If you require any support with work we have set for your child then please don't hesitate to contact us by email.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Zoe Radford-Hyland and Mrs Ellen Jones