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Dear Parents

Welcome back, we hope your Easter break was enjoyable, leaving the children refreshed and ready to embrace their final term in Year 5. This letter provides a brief outline of the curriculum topics covered during the summer term as well as some other important information.

Maths	The four operations; fractions and decimals; tables, graphs and charts; using calculators; classifying shapes; converting units of measurement; measures; properties and reasoning about number.
English	This term's novel is 'Nevermoor'. We will, like previous terms, be inspired by the novel to generate multiple pieces of writing. We will, furthermore, be doing some cross curricular work with Computing on the film narrative and using Movie Marker to make our own film narratives.
Science	'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Animals, including Humans' – this will be linked to the SRE topic in P.S.H.E.
Humanities	Early Islam, cross curricular links between history, geography and some Computing.
Art and D.T.	Islamic Art and Batik.
Computing	Media development, specifically movie making.
P.E.	Cricket, Striking and Fielding games, and Athletics.
R.E.	'Sacred Texts' and 'Rites of Passage'
P.S.H.E.	'The Role of the Media' and 'Sex and Relationships Education'

Homework

The homework schedule will continue as before the Easter holidays. Your continued support with supervision over homework tasks is very much appreciated both by the school and your children.

The following homework schedule is a rough guide and therefore subject to change when necessary:

Monday: Spellings given out, with a task to be handed in and tested on Friday. Unless Friday is an INSET day (3rd and 24th May), in which case they will be handed in and test on Thursday.

Tuesday: English to be handed in on Thursday.

Wednesday: Maths to be handed in on Friday, unless an inset day then returned Thursday.

Thursday: Science or topic related work to be handed in on date provided, as some will be longer projects.

This timetable provides the children with the opportunity to have all tasks completed by Friday which allows weekends to be homework free if they so wish. Although this strategy is





strongly recommended to the class, some children will need additional support and encouragement to organise themselves and achieve this. This is in addition to **all** children reading **aloud to an adult** for 5 minutes **every night**.

Late Homework

In order to tackle persistent late homework effectively we will be continuing with the late homework system established across the whole of Key Stage 2. Each time a child is late handing in their homework it will be recorded. If the late homework doesn't arrive the following day they will be asked to complete it during lunchtime that day, although it will not count as two separate late pieces. If three pieces of work are late during a half term period, then the child will lose a lunchtime in school. This has been thoroughly explained to all the children. As well as expecting homework to be handed in on time, we expect work to have a high presentational standard. Those who fail to meet these requirements will be asked to complete the tasks during their own time.

Equipment

Despite constant reminders a number of children were still coming to school last term without the necessary equipment such as a suitable writing pen, cartridges where necessary, writing pencils and pencil sharpener. Not only does it cause disruption within class, it can lead to higher levels of anxiety for the child concerned. If you know your child has a tendency to forget items on a regular basis please consider providing them with two pencil cases, one which can stay in school throughout the year and another to keep at home for completing homework tasks. This is especially helpful for those children who are prone to worrying as it relieves a great deal of stress for everyone concerned.

Water Bottles

It is very important that your child is sufficiently hydrated during the school day, especially with the hot weather approaching, and therefore they may bring a bottle of water into the classroom. Please ensure that these are named, transparent and have a sports style cap in order to avoid accidental spillages while these are on the children's desks. As the weather gets warmer your child may find it beneficial to have a larger bottle so they do not run out of water during lesson times.

Trips

This term the children will be attending the River Dart residential trip. A guide for required kit was sent home last term and there will also be a letter coming home shortly with all the final details you need to know. This will be discussed with the children before being sent home but if you have any queries not covered in the final letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support and co-operation, I look forward to an exciting and fulfilling final term together.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Glargaard

