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Dear Parents and Children,

A warm welcome to Year 5! It has been great to see the children return to school enthusiastically and eager to learn. We are looking forward to a fun-filled term packed with lots of learning.

The children are also looking smart in their uniforms so please remember to check all uniform is labelled in case anything is misplaced.



Religious Education – we will continue to follow the 'Come and See' programme and this term we will be studying the three topics: *Ourselves* (our Domestic Church Topic); *Life Choices* (a Sacraments topic: marriage); and *Hope* (the Advent & Christmas topic). We will also learn more about Judaism this term. Year 5 will be leading our school Harvest Mass on Friday 26th October at 9.30am.



English and Our Book Based Curriculum – this term we have some exciting books to explore and the children each have their own copy.

We are starting with Aesop's Fables by Michael Morpurgo where we will be learning more about ourselves and morals. In science, we will learn about the life cycle of plants and in geography we will find out more about earning a living and jobs.

We will then go on an Anglo-Saxon adventure, reading Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo which we hope to influence our own exciting writing. We will find out more about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and discover the mystery of Sutton-Hoo.

As Christmas approaches, we will turn to a more traditional tale, reading King Wenceslas by Geraldine Mc Caughrean before looking again at the Christmas Story in the Bible. In science, we will investigate the forces around us.



Maths – the children will continue to learn new concepts in arithmetic, geometry, data handling and problem solving. We will be focusing heavily on place value initially which will in turn help to develop our problem solving. Please remember to encourage your child to practise their multiplication tables. We aim to know all the facts up to 12 x 12 off by heart and out of order. Reciting tables or jotting them down all helps to memorise this important maths skill.



PE: Please ensure children have their **PE kit** in school **at all times**. The usual days for PE are Monday and Friday. However, this will change from time to time, particularly due to the weather. Please refer to the Home / School diary to ensure children have the correct kit and please remember to write in your child's name.



Homework: Each half term the children will complete a homework project related to their topic. In addition, each week they will be given some work related to our maths lessons and ten spellings to learn. These will be sent home on Wednesday to be returned by the following Tuesday. **Homework Help** - There is a Homework club (Monday Lunchtime) if any children wish to complete some of their homework in school. If any aspects of homework are causing a concern, please let us know.

Please remember to make use of the Home/School diary if you have any comments, queries or concerns. Please let your child know if there is a note in the diary so that it can be handed to the teacher in the morning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Finlay, Mr Grattidge and Mrs Leggett