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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the second half of the Christmas term and I hope the children had a lovely mid-term break. We would like to share with you in advance some of the items covered this half term.

Project

We continue the year with our Victorian project 'The Workshop of the World.' Children will continue learning about the growth of industry and technology as well as changes in the nation's welfare. Children will also be looking at bridge design in technology. In geography children will be learning about places, both locally and nationally.

Our learning will continue to be organised so that core skills, maths, reading and writing related lessons will usually occur in the mornings; other subjects, including project work and science, will follow in the afternoons. We would of course welcome any on-line support in the way of resources from parents or members of the family who have an interest or indeed expertise in any of the topics we are covering.

English

During English in the autumn term, we will be studying historical stories/poetry as well as focussing on recounts and instructions. Children will also be learning some poems for performance. Spelling, presentation and reading are of major importance in Year 5. Children are expected to write in a joined fluent style and will expand their knowledge of spelling rules and grammar.

We are keen to encourage children to read every day and to enjoy reading in leisure time. Do model reading at home – the newspaper, magazines, letters and online information text as well as books.

Spellings: We aim to continue to personalise spelling in class this year. Children will record spellings and words/phrases they need to use in their writing in their spelling journal. However, there are key words children need to know how to spell and these can be found on Google Classroom and will also be covered as part of their homework. Please encourage your child to practice these spellings using the 'Look, Cover, Write' method.



Homework

Children will continue receive either reading or grammar related homework via Google Classroom as well as spellings on a Monday. This will need to be returned by Thursday. On Thursday they will receive maths which will either be arithmetic or problem solving in nature. This needs to be completed by Monday.

Maths

Children should be fluent in their times tables to 12, please reinforce this. They should also be proficient in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using written methods. Please encourage this when you can and in particular mental addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers to 100. I would also suggest children now start to learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions.

Sport

For our class, P.E will continue to be on a **Wednesday and Thursday**. Children may continue to come into school on these days wearing their usual P.E kit. Please ensure that your child has suitable kit for both indoor and outdoor wear.

Educational Visits

We are continuing to monitor the situation outside of school and we hope to undertake local and visits further afield should the conditions change.

If you have any questions, please email the office or catch me outside class after school where I will be happy to meet with you (socially distanced of course).

Kind regards,

Mr Swain

