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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 5 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Summer Term 1 2026**

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break.

Reading

Our class readers this half term are 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsburg and 'A River' by Marc Martin. We will also be using 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold in our Guided Reading lessons. Please read with your child on a daily basis and make an entry in their reading diary. Book bags and reading diaries should be brought in **everyday** to support the Accelerated Reader programme we are running in school. Reading is monitored by teachers weekly and feedback is given to children.

Spellings:

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: homophones, the etymology of words and personal spelling lists.

Maths

This half term we will be learning about statistics and then move onto shape, position and direction. We are continuing to use the programme 'Times Tables Rockstars' to help consolidate children's multiplication and division facts for all their times tables up to 12 x 12. For those children who are already confident with these facts, the program will help them to increase their recall speed which will support them greatly during timed assessments. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.trockstars.com/login/29424>

Summer Term overview map:

Please see attached curriculum map which outlines the topics that we will be covering this term.

PE:

Children will need to wear clothing suitable for PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Monday's lesson will be Rounders, which will be outside, and Wednesday's lesson will be Dance or Water Safety, which will be inside. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it. Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing for these days – this must include trainers/ plimsolls.

As the weather is sure to be changeable this term, please make sure that your child comes to school wearing suitable clothing. Also, please make sure your child has a labelled water bottle every day.

Thank you for your continued interest and support. Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day should you need to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs MacDonald and Miss Bright  
Year 5 teachers