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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely break. We are looking forward to getting started on our new Science topic, 'Earth and Space' and our Geography topic, 'How do volcanoes affect the lives of people on Hiemaey?'

Reading

Our class readers this half term are 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman and 'Earth Shattering Events' by Robin Jacobs. 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 regularly and feedback is given to children.

Spellings

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 3 / 4 and 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: words ending in '-ibly' and '-ably', homophones and rare grapheme – phoneme correspondence.

Maths

Our Maths focus this term is Multiplication and Division, and Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. It is important that children continue to consolidate their multiplication and division facts for all their times tables up to 12 x 12, as well as trying to increase the recall speed of these facts. Each child should continue to use their 'Times Tables Rockstars' account to practise these facts at home. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>

Home Learning Projects:

This term our projects are based on 'Earth and Space' and our new Geography topic on volcanoes. Please have a look at some starter ideas for projects that you can complete at home with your child. Completed projects can be brought into school to be shared with the rest of the class.

PE:

Children will need to be dressed in suitable clothes and shoes for PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Monday's lesson will be netball outside and Wednesday's lesson will be gymnastics 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. Earrings are not permitted to be worn in PE and long hair should be tied back.

General reminders:

- Please remind your child to bring in a plastic see-through water bottle daily (no metal bottles please)
- We continue to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather continues to be cold.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs MacDonald and Miss Bright
Year 5 teachers