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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Spring Term 1 2026

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 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. Please continue to encourage your child to regularly practise their times tables on TT Rockstars.

Spring Term overview map:

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

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.

As the weather is sure to be cold this term, please make sure that your child is wearing suitable clothing (for inside too as we will be keeping the classrooms well ventilated). 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