Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new term!! Now that your child is in Year 5, they will have a fun, but challenging year ahead of them. The children have settled back to the new term well and have already set a super example for the younger children; we hope this continues throughout the year. We have got an exciting term planned and right from the start, Year 5 need to be organised and prepared. This letter is to give you and your child an idea of the topics we will be covering this term in Year 5.

**Maths (Numeracy)**
Place value, ordering and rounding, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, money, problem solving, fractions, decimals, percentages, handling data, shape, space, properties of numbers and reasoning about numbers.

**English (Literacy)**
This term we will be studying a variety of texts, some of which will be linked to our topic. Our writing will include diary entries, explanations, recounts, poetry and poetic style. We will also focus on Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Through drama activities we will also practise our Speaking and Listening.

**Science**
This term we will learn about Forces, how they are all around us and how they affect our world.

**Music**
We will be exploring rounds, working with different instruments, composing and developing our singing voices. We will be learning and performing a variety of songs for our production at the end of term. During the year, all children will learn guitar with Lucy.

**P.E.**
This term we will be learning more about Athletics, followed by invasion games.

**Computing (ICT)**
Over the term we will be using a variety of software to create multimedia presentations and will be improving our word processing skills. We will also be using the computers for all subject areas such as Maths (Handling Data) and we will be making use of the Internet and class IPADS. We will be coding during STEM weeks throughout the year.

**Modern Foreign Languages**
We will be comparing a Spanish city with a British one and looking at similarities and differences between them. We will also taste some Spanish food!
**Art**
Art work will be linked to the main topics and we will be concentrating on line, tone, colour, shape and space. We will be drawing from observation, looking at portraits and exploring textiles.

**Design Technology**
Linked to our Geography studies on Fair Trade, we will be making products to sell at the Christmas Fair. We will think about our audience and what they would be interested in buying, then evaluate our successes!

**Geography**
As part of Geography we learn all about Fair Trade: what it is, why it is important and who it helps.

**Religious Education**
We will be learning all about Islam and what it means to be Muslim in Modern Britain today.

**History**
The Golden Age of Islam compared to Middle Age Britain. We will be studying all about how life was during these times and comparing Britain to many aspects of the rise of Islamic culture and technology.

**Homework**
Your child will be taking home a reading folder every evening. This will contain their reading book, reading journal, spellings for the week and weekly homework.

Please remember that the most important work your child should do at home is to **read on a regular basis**, both to themselves and to you (no they are not too old, despite what they might say!) You can really help your child by listening to them read every evening, even if is only for five minutes. As a minimum we expect children to have read at home four times per week (either by themselves, with an adult or a mixture of the two). Children should be heard by an adult twice per week. Write the page they read up to in their reading journal.

Children will also have spellings to learn and every Monday they will have a spelling test.

Children also need to practise their times tables regularly. Please help them to do this, whenever you can – on a long journey, walking to school, waiting for a bus etc.

Every **Thursday** your child will be taking home Maths, English or Science homework. Please make sure your child completes their homework and that it is brought into school the following **Monday**.

As you can see we have a lot of exciting things planned for this term and we are looking forward to teaching your child. Education is a partnership between your child, yourself and us. It is essential that we work together, if you have any questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards
Mr Dawson, Miss Khan, Mrs Spencer & Miss Wainwright.