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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Spring term in Year 5. Please find below some general Year 5 information and curriculum details for your convenience. If you have any concerns regarding school, please do not hesitate to come in to speak to us. Regular attendance throughout the year is essential for all the children.

Homework, as you are aware is not given each week however, reading is expected to be done a minimum of three times per week in order for your child to receive treat time each week. The Reading Record is important for providing evidence of reading. This must be returned each day, with the reading book. Your comments, regarding your child's reading, may be written in the record book, and would be greatly appreciated, although now the children are in Year 5, I will accept their signature as long as when questioned, they can explain what they have read.

During this term, the children will continue with swimming lessons, which will take place every Friday at Nye Bevan Swimming pool in Skelmersdale. Swimming lessons are compulsory as they are part of the National Curriculum, so all children must attend. Please ensure that your child has a full body swimming costume or above the knee shorts, a towel and a swimming cap. You must provide a letter of permission (if not already done so) if your child requires goggles.

Curriculum information

English -

Spelling Patterns and rules- prefixes and suffixes handed out every Tuesday for tests on Fridays including words of the week linked to compulsory age related words.

Class work -

Will include Persuasive writing, instructions, letters, post cards and narrative pieces based around the Harry Potter novels by JK Rowling

Sentence work -

Continue to develop their work using a variety of punctuation, conjunctions and prepositions. The children will be encouraged to use a variety of sentences in their writing i.e. simple, compound and complex. They will also be expected to organise their writing into paragraphs.

Maths -

Multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000. • Decimal notation; • Multiplication tables • Fractions, Decimals and Percentages • Written addition

and subtraction including problems • Understanding shapes - reflection, translation • Angles and perimeter • Measure

R.E. -

Women in the Bible

P.S.H.E. -

Growing & Achieving Together

P.E. -

Gymnastics on Tuesday - please be prepared with full kit.

Swimming will take place at Nye Bevan on Friday morning - transported by coach. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for these activities.

History and Geography - The Aztecs

To use artefacts to find out more about the Aztecs

To find out about everyday life in Aztec civilization

To understand the achievements in relation to the Aztec civilization

To locate and research where Aztec civilization originated

Art. -

Designing and creating Aztec head dresses and a Chocolate project.

Science - Materials

Reversible changes of materials

Irreversible changes

Observing and comparing

ICT. -

Creating a web page based on a hobby or interest.

Music. -

Pupils will have the opportunity to take up Ukulele and further listen and appreciate music.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Mr J Purcell and Mrs A Scragg