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YEAR 5 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and to Year 5! I hope you all had a healthy and happy summer break. I am very much looking forward to working with your children in Year 5.

I will be the class teacher all week apart from Tuesday afternoons when Mrs Delacovias will teach the children science. We will be supported by our fantastic teaching assistants: Mrs Horner, Mrs Kerby and Mrs Merrill. If you would like to contact me then please do so by email if possible: sandra.broadhurst@cumnorschool.co.uk or pop to the classroom door.

Arrival

Children should arrive through the outside classroom door. They can arrive in the classroom from 8.35am and must be there by 8:50am when the register is taken. They should enter the classroom independently and use the hand sanitiser provided. There will be 'Early work' for children to complete which will be written on the classroom board.

Equipment and personal belongings

All pupils in Key Stage 2 will be given a clear plastic pencil case labelled with their name. They will be given a handwriting pen, a purple editing pen and a pencil to keep in their pencil case as well as other items such as: a ruler, rubber, a sharpener and colouring pens/pencils. These items will be replaced if they run out but it is important that pupils take responsibility for looking after their pencil case kit. If pupils lose items from their pencil case, we will expect them to replace them. Their pencil cases will be kept in their trays along with their work books. We will also provide headphones for use with our chrome books. Children will have access to dictionaries and thesauruses but they are welcome to bring their own if they prefer.

We have allocated pegs and lockers for each class in separate areas. Every child will have a peg on which to place their coat. If they bring in a lunchbox this will need to be kept in their locker. PE kits should also be kept in the lockers. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing sensible, comfortable shoes and clothing in which they can run around.. They should also have a coat with them every single day as we will be going outside as much as possible. Healthy snacks for break times should be kept in their classroom tray. Children must bring a named bottle of still water into the classroom. The water fountains will not be in use this term. It would also be a good idea to provide your child with a small packet of tissues to be

kept in their tray. The children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day and always before eating.

Homework

This year again, all homework will be set on google classroom. Pupils will be given a homework book in which they can do their work at home but this does not need to be brought into school. Children should ensure they 'turn in' and attach evidence of their homework on the google classroom. We will provide online feedback. In Year 5, homework will be set on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Tuesday morning. Homework may be linked to maths, English or topic work and there will also be weekly spelling homework based on the spelling topic for that week. In addition to the set pieces of homework, it is expected that Year 5 pupils will be reading regularly at home and practising times tables. Wherever possible, homework should be completed independently. Children are welcome to message me when they submit the homework to let me know if there are areas that they have found tricky or had help with. As the children are now in upper Key Stage 2, please encourage them to take responsibility for completing their homework on time and getting themselves ready for school with the things that they need.

Books

Pupils should choose one reading book at a time and keep it in their tray. They may take the book home to read each night or they may bring one book from home into school to read. We have a 'mini library' within the Year 5 classroom and they will also have access to the main key stage 2 library. Much of our English work this term will be based around our 2 class books

- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson.
- Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham

We have copies of these texts in school.

Topic and Trip

Our topic for the autumn term will be 'Where does chocolate come from?' This topic will allow pupils to find out more about areas of Central and South America, international trade and fairtrade together with product design and innovation. Please see the attached topic overview for the key areas of learning.

To enhance the children's learning and understanding, we will be going on a class trip to The Living Rainforest in Newbury on Thursday 7th October. In addition, as your children missed out on going to see Matilda the musical last year, we are going to take both year 4 and 5 children to the theatre in London on Wednesday 3rd November. Details of both trips will follow later.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Broadhurst.