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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! As the children have entered their final year of Year 5, they have begun to focus on their work and are already beginning to show enthusiasm towards the various topics we are looking at this term.

Our topic project during the first half term will be centred on 'Fair Trade', looking at the various countries which produce fair trade products and the benefits and impact of this on our world. The following half term will see the children embark on a local history study and they will begin to learn about Northwich during the Victorian era. In Science we will begin by looking at 'Space, the Solar System and Earth' before finishing our Science focus on Life Cycles and the development of Humans as we age.

Children will continue to be given spellings to learn, following a different pattern on a weekly basis. Our times tables challenges will continue throughout the year and since the beginning of the last term, many children within the class have progressed with their certificates, so please encourage and support your child to practise as often as possible.

I would like to reiterate the importance of listening to your child read at least 3 times a week, to ensure that they continue to build upon their comprehension skills as they move through the Year 5 reading curriculum. There is an expectation that children will be able to readily discuss various elements of a text, such as structure, word choice and meaning, and general participation when a discussing a text, by the end of the year. Consequently, any time spent reading with your child at home will be invaluable towards their progress.

As a reminder, homework is given out on Thursdays and is to be handed in by the following Wednesday, to be tested (if spelling homework has been given out) on the Thursday. As usual, homework that is not complete will be done during break times, so please support your child in ensuring that it is completed at home.

PE will continue to take place on a Friday. It is important that pupils keep their PE kits in school all week, and ensure that they are taken home on a Friday to be washed. As we move into the summer months, please ensure that children have the appropriate kit: blue/black shorts, house-coloured t-shirt and trainers.



Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school, which should be taken home each night to be washed. Drinking water is available in each classroom, however, it is important that your child has their own water bottle as it is impractical to try and supply cups for everyone.

In order to reduce overcrowding within the corridor space and prevent any potential safety hazards, can I please remind you that children should not be bringing backpacks to school and should only need to have their book bag and PE bag in school (unless special circumstances permits) on a daily basis.

This term, children will be taking part in Bikeability (letters will be sent out shortly with more information) if you would like your child to take part, please ensure that they have a full-functioning bike, alongside a suitable helmet.

Should you wish to talk to me at any time, please do not hesitate to call into the school reception or telephone to make an appointment.

I am excited to see what the children will have achieved by the end of this academic year!

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Stevenson



Music
We will continue working towards our Music Challenge awards.

Art
We will record the ways in which visual effects can be used to show movement. Looking at Anthony Gormley's sculpture and we will create tinfoil sculptures.

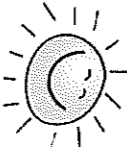
History
Local Study
We will complete a local area study from the Victorian Era, focusing on the local industry and developments - Sir John Brunner, Ludwig Mond, Robert Verdin. Salt Industry and links to subsidence and flooding in and around Northwich.

Computing
We will finish our computing focus by completing some art design linked to geometry on the Netbooks.

Maths
We will continue looking at fractions following from last term, before approaching decimals and percentages alongside. We will also look at measurement estimating and solving problems by converting between units of time.

Geography
Trading & Economics
We will continue to look at the UK's trade links and will complete a specific Fair Trade project whilst considering how countries and geographical regions are interconnected.

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Writing
Novel on a Theme
We will look at the book 'War Horse' (set during WWI) and we will produce different types of writing linked to the story of Joey.
Historical Narrative - The Queen of the Falls
We will look at the life of the Queen of the Falls and Annie Edson-Taylor.
Reading
Weekly guided reading developing inference, prediction and deduction skills.

Science
Physics - Space
We will focus on Physics during the first half of the term through a focus on Earth, Space and our Solar System. **Jodrell Bank Trip.**
Biology - Living Things & their Habitats
We will describe the life cycles common to a variety of animals, including humans (birth, growth, development - including puberty, reproduction, death) and to a variety of plants (growth, reproduction and death).

