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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and managed to take advantage of the festivities.

This term, P.E. will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Children are to come into school wearing their school PE kit on this day. PE lessons will be outdoors so it is important that children wear weather appropriate kit. PE kit includes: house t-shirt, blue or black jogging bottoms or shorts, blue school hoody and suitable sports trainers. Earrings are not permitted to be worn during PE so please ensure they are left at home or can be removed by your child. PE is compulsory and if your child needs to be excused from any PE lesson then it is important that a note is provided.

It is expected that a Year 5 child should be reading every night. This may be independently or with an adult. We ask that an adult signs the diary 3 times per week including the weekend. This term, we have introduced a new reading initiative called reading for the stars. If a child reads at home, they will get a star coloured in on their chart that is at the back of their reading diary. Once they have read 5 times, they will receive a reward - the more they read, the more rewards they will receive! Now that the children have acquired the skills to read with increasing confidence, we are focusing on ensuring that they have clearly understood what they have read and that they are able to retell the main points in the text. Children are only going to be able to develop such skills if they are able to discuss what they have read both with an adult in school and at home. The comprehension bookmarks that were provided last term will assist with this.

Although children will not be given spellings to investigate at home each week, it is important that they continue to revise the spellings that they have learnt in school whenever possible. A copy of the Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings can be found on our class page on our website. Alternatively, a paper copy can be provided.

Your child's times table knowledge continues to be of importance so please encourage and support them to practice as often as possible during the week on Times Table Rock Stars. Children will also have access to this at school to support their learning.

Please may I remind you that children should only bring a book bag into school containing their current reading books, reading diary and glasses if appropriate. Backpacks are not permitted as

there is no room to store them. Mobile phones are no longer permitted in school. Please ensure that your child brings a named bottle to school, which needs to be taken home each night to be washed and refilled.

Should you wish to talk to me at any time please do not hesitate to contact me. Please ring reception to make an appointment or for non-urgent queries put a note in your child's reading diary and I can give you a call.

Yours sincerely,
Miss McCracken