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Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 2

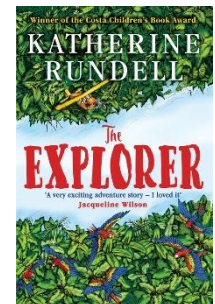
Wow! What a brilliant start to the year so far where we have settled back into school, kick started our learning and had lots of fun along the way. Throughout Term 1, we learned about the Mediterranean and what makes it so special in Geography, explored and discovered new facts about Earth and Space in Science and created our own mezze in Design and Technology. Next term, Year 5 will begin their 'Ancient Greece' area of study, which has particular links to History. The children will explore how the Ancient Greeks helped make up our society today and will discover more about Greek philosophy, language and the Olympics.

In **History**, we'll be:

- Learning how the Ancient Greeks have helped to shape our society today – focusing on Ancient Greek philosophy, language, theatre, medicine, government the Olympics and more.
- Looking at Ancient Greece buildings and architecture and make comparisons to buildings now.
- Discussing what would it have been like to live in Ancient Greece and be part of an Ancient Greek family.
- Studying pre-historic artefacts and pictures of Ancient Greece and making predictions about their uses



In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the genre of 'Modern Fiction,' where they will read the wonderful text 'Nevermoor,' by Jessica Townsend – the same text that 5RS have been reading during Whole Class Reading sessions during Term 1. During Term 2, Nevermoor will also be 5CC's Whole Class Reading book and 5RS will be reading The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.



In **Maths**, the children will be looking at statistics – learning how to read and create graphs, tackling multiplication and division questions and looking at how to find the area and perimeter.

Finally, in **Science**, the children will be learning about 'Forces'. Your child will learn how to identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction and begin to explain their actions on a moving surface.

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Learning at Home

In Year 5, the homework expectations include **reading at least five times a week** and you can support your child by recording these reads on BoomReader. Your child will also need to ensure they are **practicing a weekly set of spellings** using strategies learned in school. In addition, children will need to complete **one Curriculum task from their Home Learning Menu**. This task will allow the children to prepare for upcoming lessons and on occasions, they may find this task challenging but please be assured this will be explored further in school. **Home Learning Books must be in school every day** please and will be marked each Thursday.



Class Dojo will be available for Home Learning support and your child's Learning at Home Booklet and Home Learning Menu will be uploaded to the Class Story. Staff will only be able to answer questions related to Home Learning via Class Dojo. Children are welcome to upload pictures of their learning.

PE for Term 2 will continue to be on a **Wednesday**, therefore, please make sure your child has their PE kit with them on this day. Due to lots of the sessions taking place outdoors, please ensure your child has appropriate PE kit and a water bottle should the weather be cold/wet or sunny/warm please.

We wish you all a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on site on Monday 6th November.

Best wishes,
Miss C. Castell, Miss R. Short and the Year 5 Team

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