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SUMMER 2024 CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 5,

Welcome back! We hope you all had an excellent Easter break with your family and friends. We have written this newsletter to give you further information on the expectations and routines in Year 5 this term.

Please see below for an update on the expectations for homework. We have recently made some adjustments to the day that homework is set and due in as well as the ways that the children can complete their homework. Please note that all homework (Reading, Doodle Maths and Spell) will be set on a Monday and due back the following Monday.

This term in Year 5, we are learning:

Subject Area	Content	What we hope to find out and learn
English	Fiction – A Word in your Ear Non-Fiction – Volcanoes	To create a short story that builds suspense using a variety of punctuation. The children have been learning how to create captivating character descriptions using clips from Scooby Doo. They have also been integrating dialogue into their stories to progress actions and convey the thoughts and feelings of characters. When exploring our non-fiction text ‘Volcanoes’ we will be consider the features, effect, and layout of non-chronological reports.
Maths	Fractions, Converting Units and Angles	To compare and order fractions with different denominators. These skills will then enable them to add and subtract a variety of different fractions. The children will also identify, name and write equivalent fractions.
Science	Animals including Humans	To describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Children will explore the stages of pregnancy and the gestation periods of different animals, comparing them with humans.
Geography & History	Europe and Settlements Anglo-Saxons	The children will explore different types of settlements that existed in Britain and Western Europe, drawing upon their global knowledge of other ancient civilisations.
ICT	Stop Motion Animations	To use images and small toys to create simple movements and use short stop motions to create digital animations.
Art & DT	Art – I Need Space (Drawing and Mixed Media) DT – Pop Up Books	To explore retrofuturism and the influences that the international space race had upon art, interior design and clothing. The children will experiment with mixed media and develop their

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		drawing skills to create a final piece inspired by the work of Teis Albers.
Music	Stars – Hide your Fires	The children will each learn how to play the Ukelele.
PSHE	Health and Wellbeing	Describe the importance of making mistakes and having a good night’s sleep. They will also learn strategies for managing their feelings and looking after their mind and body.
RE	Belief in God	Children will build on their understanding of both global and local beliefs. They will learn to use the terms atheist, agnostic and theist.
PE	Athletics, Cricket and Rounders	The children will practicing and refining their running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for Sports day.

HOMEWORK IN YEAR 5

Reading

All Year 5 children at Uffculme Primary School are expected to read at least **3 times a week, for 1 hour 30 minutes in total** at home. Please ensure your child does this and please sign their Reading Record Book to show that they have been heard. In Year 5, Reading Records will be checked on a **Monday morning** where Dojo points will be awarded for completed reading.

Spelling

In Year 5, children are now completing their spelling homework on **Doodle Spell** using the same log in details that they use for Doodle Maths. They will be set a **new assignment** each **Monday** that consists of 3 practise activities and a final test. Doodle Spell will be checked on a Monday to allow children a full week to complete the assignment.

Maths

Maths homework will be set weekly on Doodle Maths. They will be set a new assignment each Monday and consists of 3 practice activities and a final test in exactly the same way as Doodle Spell. Doodle is fantastic at offering mini lessons at the beginning of each assignment to further support children who may need to refresh their understand. The assignments are set in accordance to the current topic we are exploring in Maths lessons so the children should be capable of completing this independently.

Writing

Although this is not expected, children may choose to complete additional activities on Doodle English. This is accessible using the same log in details as Doodle Maths and Spell and offers a range of grammar and punctuation activities for them to complete and win stars.

Water bottles and snack

Please can you send a water bottle into school every day for your child. It is important that they have access to water throughout the day and a bottle in the classroom ensures that water is readily available (no squash or juice please). Please label the bottle with your child’s name.

Children can bring in fruit or vegetables in for snack at break time.



PE

PE lessons will be taken by Mr Carpanini and will be on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Children will need to have their PE kit in school on these days. A reminder that your child needs: black shorts, red polo-shirt and trainers. When the weather is colder, they may need black tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled and carried in a named bag. For health and safety reasons, jewellery must be removed for P.E; this includes earrings.

Thank you for your help and support over the term ahead. It really promises to be a wonderful year where your child will grow in confidence and independence.

With very best wishes,

Miss N. Fowler

Year 5 Class teacher

Dates for your diary:

MAY		
Monday 6 th		May Day Bank Holiday – No school
Monday 13 th - Thursday 16 th		KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs)
Friday 24 th May		Ambition Day
Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024 - Half Term Break		
JUNE		
Wednesday 5 th	9:30am	New Intake parents meeting
Monday 10 th		Whole school and class photographs
Tuesday 11 th	1:30pm	1 st EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 12 th	3:45pm	Summer Music Concert
Saturday 15 th	11am – 3pm	PTFA Summer Fete
Tuesday 18 th	1:30pm	2 nd EYFS Transition visit
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th		Year 4 Residential - Kilve
JULY		
Monday 1 st	2pm	KS2 Production Dress rehearsal
Tuesday 2 nd	3:40pm	Year 6 Transition day to Uffculme School Meet and Greet with new teachers
Wednesday 3 rd	5:30PM	KS2 Evening Performance (The Venue)
Thursday 4 th	All Day	Sports Day (Uffculme School)
Friday 5 th	All day	Mix Festival (KS2 only)
Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th		Year 6 Residential – Charter House
Friday 12 th		Summer Reports sent home
Thursday 18 th	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly followed by BBQ on field (for Year 6 only)
Friday 19 th		Last day of term
Monday 22nd July Summer Holidays		

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