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Dear Parents/ Carers and Children of Year 5,

Welcome to Year 5

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday and are looking forward to all the exciting things to come this year. We wanted to share with you some of the topics we will be studying this term, as well as a few of our expectations of the children.

What you need to bring

We expect children to be fully equipped for lessons each day. This includes a pencil case with pencils, a rubber, a sharpener and a black or blue roller-ball pen; coloured pencils are also useful. Children must have a full PE kit in school every day (including tracksuit bottoms as we go outside for Games throughout the winter), as well as an art apron (an old shirt or similar is fine). Finally, children should have their reading book, planner and a water bottle in school each day. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.

Homework & Planner

The homework system is currently under review, however for now the school will be continuing the system from last year, which we will fully recap with the children in class. In Year 5 the children will also have a planner, which they will use to record their daily reading (instead of a reading diary as in previous years), along with any important information and reminders. Planners may also be used as a further means of communication between home and school.

Reading

All children are expected to read at home **at least** five times a week. Fluent readers obviously do not always need to read with an adult, but we would ask that they do so at times during the week. The children also benefit from recounting the story, discussing the characters or answering questions about the text to encourage a deeper understanding. All the children are expected to record their reading into their planners, including the pages they have read. The planner must be signed by an adult every week as it will be checked on Fridays to ensure that children are reading sufficiently. A record will also be kept in class of when children are changing their books.

Times Tables and Spellings

Spellings will continue to be learnt and tested each day at school. In addition to this, some children will bring home a 'spelling wall' for work at home.

Your child will also be expected to continue to develop their confidence with times tables and corresponding division facts, as well as mental maths and will be regularly tested during Maths lessons. In Year 5, children are expected to practise their mental maths skills (Numbergym) and times tables at least **three times a week** as part of their core homework tasks.

This term, Year 5's theme for the curriculum will be '**Crime and Punishment**'.

We will be studying the following topics:

English – Narrative poetry, vocabulary building, recounts and mystery stories

Maths – Number, Measurement, Geometry and Statistics

Science – Earth & Space, Forces and Scientific Enquiry

Computing – Data Matters

History – Crime & Punishment from 1066 to end of the Victorian Era.

R.E. – Celebrations, key events in life and pilgrimage. Symbolic ways of expressing meaning. Understanding Christianity: Was Jesus the Messiah?

Art – Street Art.

D&T – Moving toys.

P.E. – Tag Rugby, Basketball, Dance & Netball.

Music - Exploring composers and musical chronology. Developing composition and performance skills.

French – 'Presenting Myself', 'In the Classroom' and consolidation of Year 4 skills.

Further details of the curriculum for this term can be found on the school website www.cunninghamhill-jun.herts.sch.uk . If you would like to discuss this information, or have any questions over the course of the year, please feel free to come in and see us after school.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

Year 5 dates for the diary

Tuesday 10th September – CHILL OUT session, all day (packed lunch needed)

Wednesday 11th September – Meet the Teacher, Year 5 at 6.30-7pm

Thursday 26th September – Kingswood Residential Trip Meeting, 6pm

Thursday 24th October – History trip to St. Albans Museum

Thursday 7th November – Parent Partners, 9am

Monday 11th November – CHILL OUT session, half day (no packed lunch needed)

Tuesday 17th December – Open Classrooms

Wednesday 18th December – Year 5 Christmas Performance, 7pm