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Year 5 Autumn Term Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! The following table allows you to see at a glance, our main learning foci for this term:

Topic	The Great Outdoors
<i>Subject</i>	<i>Main Learning Focus</i>
English	Narrative – The Snow Leopard / Poetry – Antarctica & Arctic / Non chronological text – Polar Animals / Narrative – Ice Trap – Shackleton’s Expedition / Persuasion – Letter of Application to Ernest Shackleton / Recount – Polar Exploration day.
Maths	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages – Fluency, Reasoning, Problem Solving in each area of study.
Science	Working scientifically: explore ideas & raise different questions; select and plan scientific enquiries. All Living Things - study and raise questions about their local environment throughout the year; observe life-cycle changes in a variety of living things, for example plants in the vegetable garden or flower border, and animals in the local environment; find out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists: find out about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants.
RE	Buddhism – The story, rituals, symbols and beliefs.
Computing	Cryptography – Cracking codes and translating information in Semaphore and Morse codes.
PSHE	SEAL: Going for Goals and study of Learning Skills. PSHE: Healthy & Safer Lifestyles: 19 Safety Contexts • Road safety• Sun safety• Cycle safety• Railway safety• Electrical safety• Health and safety rules in school• Preventing a wider range of accidents.
Art and DT	Art: Mixed Media Pictures in the style of Helen Cowcher. DT: Design and make puppets linked to our English study of Ernest Shackleton and Ice Trap.
Geography	Study of Biomes with a special focus on the Polar regions: the animals, the people and the environment in which they live.
Music	Deconstructing Polar Music & composing a piece of music.
PE	Composing a dance to Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. Orienteering and team building skills and in the second half-term Netball skills.
Modern Foreign Languages	Spanish: listen attentively to spoken language and show understanding by joining in and responding; explore the patterns and sounds of language through songs and rhymes and link the spelling, sound and meaning of words; engage in conversations; ask and answer questions; express opinions and respond to those of others.
Events	A Polar Exploration Day will be held in school on Wednesday March 15 th 2017.

Homework:

Learning Logs: Children will be provided with a learning stimulus linked to this term’s learning on a Friday and will be expected to bring their homework in on the 2nd Wednesday. As the children have additional time there is an expectation that their homework should be creative and neatly presented. Please take time to encourage them with this homework.

Daily Reading:

Children should be bringing home a school book to read. We do expect the children to read at home on a daily basis for at least 20 – 30 minutes. However, this does not mean that you need to read with them, many children in Year 5/6 prefer to read by themselves, and you do not need to record what and how they have read. They may also read their own books, magazines or television guides!

Maths:

Each week, on a Friday, the children will have a times tables test. Please ensure that you encourage and support your child in learning their times tables. It is now a national requirement for children leaving Primary school to know all of their times tables.

Flipped Learning: Your child will be sent home with a learning video link to watch, which will allow them to learn a mathematical method e.g. short or long division at their own pace. They will be expected to write notes including a sample question to demonstrate understanding. This will be given out on a Thursday and will need to be in on Monday.

PE days/kits: These should be in school from Monday to Friday and should consist of:
Inside PE - a white t-shirt & dark coloured shorts.
Outside PE - trainers, a white t-shirt, dark shorts, a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms – it can get very cold outside this term please make sure they have the last 2 items in their kit bags!!
No jewellery except stud earrings and watches should be worn in school and these must be removed for all PE activities. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please provide tape for them to tape them up. Long hair should be tied back.

Dates for your diary:

Term dates	January 4th to Friday 31st March
Class Assemblies	5 Maple – Wed 18th January / 5 Willow – Wednesday 8 th March
Parent Teacher meetings	Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9 th February
Half-term week	Monday 13th February
Staff training day	Monday 20 th February (school closed)
Bikeability training	Tuesday 21st February – Friday 24th February
Polar Exploration day	Wednesday 15th March

Contact/general reminders: To contact any of your child's teachers in the first instance, please do so via the school office either directly or via: office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk.

Curriculum and Social Groups

Some children will be involved in extra maths, English and social skills groups. Parents will be notified and on occasions these children may have some extra pieces of homework to complete.

Parental help in school

We continue to welcome parental help in school – please see your child's class teacher if you have any time to spare and would like to get involved.

Looking forward to a successful partnership in learning!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Landeryou, Mrs Talbot, Mrs Barton and Mrs Bolton.