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Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful Easter break and are ready for Term 5!

A brief snapshot of the term ahead:

We are Authors – There is no whole school topic focus for writing this term, so we have decided to have some fun with persuasive writing and debating. A lot of our lessons will be based around our new class text for the term, *'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom'* by Louis Sachar.

We will be focusing on the Year 5 statutory list for spelling this term. We will be setting the week's 20 spellings on a Monday, practising these in class throughout the week, and then conducting a weekly spelling test the following Monday. The children will be able to rehearse these words through their Spellodrome activities or using other strategies they will have been shown in school - this is something we'd appreciate you supporting your child with at home as well.

We are Mathematicians - We will be starting this term by revisiting positive and negative numbers, before quickly moving on to exploring the world of Shape. Once the children have mastered these concepts, we will also recap Time and problem solving tasks using calculation strategies for all four operations.

Please also continue to practise times tables and division at home, as these skills are vital for an ongoing depth of understanding of all our learning. The children are really engaged with our times tables challenges in school and are making great progress as a result.

We are Scientists - We will be investigating Living things, understanding the different animal groups and describing the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also be describing the reproduction of some plants and animals.

We are Athletes - PE lessons will continue to take place on a Monday morning and Friday afternoons. Monday's focus will be outdoors, and the children will be preparing for Sport's Day (held on Friday 17th May). Friday's PE will be indoors and children will continue to focus on Gymnastics.

Please ensure your child has a NAMED PE kit in school and long hair is tied back on these days.

Homework – Weekly Spellodrome and Athletics tasks will be continuing this term.

We are Linguists – We will be learning all about the Planets in French!

We are Artists – The whole school is getting involved in the 3 Streets Project, a collaborative history project with the local artist and historian ex Hillcrest parent, John O'Connor. We will be making shop signs and blue plaques for 3 streets in Totterdown (Firfield St, Frederick St and Parliament St). You will be able to see them at the end of June!

We are Musicians – We will be exploring Gospel music this term. We will be learning how to project and protect our voices and practising how to sing in harmony.

Key Dates for your diary:

Friday 10th May – **RE Day** (Sikhism)

Tuesday 14th May – **Year 5 trip to Bath Fashion Museum** (more information to follow)

Friday 17th May – **Sports Day** (weather permitting)

Tuesday 21st May & Thursday 23rd May – **Parents Evening**

Friday 24th May – **Computing Open Doors Day**

More information, with additional key dates for the diary will follow. In the meantime please feel free to approach us with any questions or queries you may have.

Kind regards
The Year 5 team

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