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Executive Head Teacher: Mr Chris Hansen
 Head of School: Mr Byron Williams

Friday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for an exciting Spring in Year 5!

Please find below a summary of the learning Year 5 will be covering this term.

Our enrichment topics for this term are **Mountains** and **Vikings**. The primary focus of our learning is going to be based around Geography and History, but it will also encompass a variety of curriculum areas such as Dance and Art in particular. If your child does anything at home that supports their topic, please send it in as it's always lovely to celebrate children's enthusiasm for learning!

Year 5 Autumn Term	
Maths	Shape Statistics Money Measurement Fractions Percentages Mental calculation Decimals Multiplication/division Scaling Geometry
English	Narrative Debating Explanations Fact and opinion Spoken word poetry Book reviews and recommendations Editing and improving Non-chronological reports Punctuation and grammar Setting descriptions
Science	Earth and Space
History	Vikings
Geography	Mountains
Languages	French
DT/Art	Bayeux tapestry and Viking boats
PSHE	Personal goals Support and self-esteem

PE	Hockey Football Netball Gymnastics Dance
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Class Additional Information	
PE kit	Outdoor kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5JB indoor kit on Fridays 5ZM indoor kit on Mondays Children to wear their Somers Park coloured castle t-shirts, with black shorts and pumps. As above with black plain leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor.
Additional Yr5 Staff	Mrs Gosling will be teaching 5JB alternate Wednesdays throughout the term and Mrs Dawson will be teaching 5ZM alternate Wednesdays. Mr Ballinger and Mrs Smith will be providing additional support for children. Miss Downing will be teaching and supporting children within 5JB throughout the year.
Homework	
Reading	Children to read every night for 20 minutes and fill in their pupil planner to show what they have read. Parents to sign the reading record page every week, which will be checked at school every Monday. A mixture of reading independently and aloud is encouraged, as well as different genres and authors. Children to make sure they bring their reading books and planners into school every day.
Spelling	Spelling tests will be every Friday. New spellings will be given out on Fridays in a book to be learnt for the following week. Children can practise these each day, using their home spelling book and they must bring this with them every Friday. Within this, they can also practise their cursive handwriting.
Maths	Children will receive Math homework on Thursdays, to be given in the following day. Children should dedicate 20 minutes to complete their homework.
Special Events	
<p>Author visit (Maz Evans) – 29th January Parents evening – Tuesday 19th March Parents evening – Thursday 21st March Poetry workshop – 2nd April 2019 Belgium trip – 4th April 2019</p>	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Black and Mrs McCracken.