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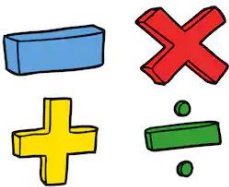
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Wednesday 10th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Autumn 1 2025

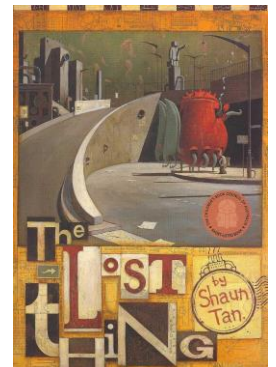
Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday and were able to enjoy some of the sunshine. We are really looking forward to this half-term and below we have outlined the learning that will take place.

 **Maths**
Year 5 have made a great start to the Autumn Term learning by looking at number and place value. This module involves reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. Once we complete this learning, we will move onto rounding and working with negative numbers. After this, we learn about addition and subtraction. Your support with helping children continue to practise mental maths questions at home and learn their times tables facts is greatly appreciated.

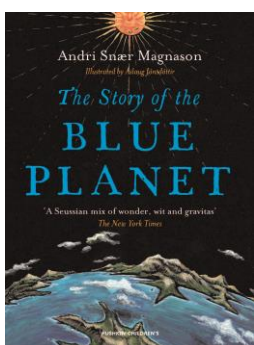
Literacy

During the first part of the half term, we will be using the book 'The Lost Thing' as a stimulus for our writing. We will use ideas from this book to learn about modal verbs and complex sentences and our written outcome will be a persuasive speech.

Following this, we will look at a brilliant text called the 'Wolves in the Walls'. I am sure the children will enjoy this suspenseful text with a humorous twist!



Please ensure your child is reading, or being read to, every evening as this will benefit all of their literacy skills.



Our class books in reading are initially 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and then 'The Story of the Blue Planet' by Andri Snær Magnason. We spend 15 minutes reading this novel every day and our Monday and Friday guided reading lessons will focus on this class book. During the week, we also have time for free choice reading. Please ensure your child has something to read for free-choice reading (a book, a comic, instructions, etc).



History

Children will learn all about what life was like in Ancient Greece and how their great discoveries influenced our lives today. We will be looking at the origin of the Olympics, Greek Gods, Greek monsters and more!

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be using Jigsaw. Our first module is called 'Being Me in My World'. The children have already made a fantastic start to this by setting some goals for the year ahead.



MATERIALS

Science

This half-term we will be investigating the properties and uses of different materials. Children will be testing, grouping and comparing everyday materials, dissolving and separating solutions, and conducting fair tests.

Art

In Art we will be learning about abstract sculpture, studying the work of Henry Moore. We learn how he used natural objects like stones and twigs as inspiration for his work, before creating our own Moore-inspired sculptures and wax-resist paintings.



PE



This half-term, we have PE on **Mondays and Tuesdays**. On Tuesdays, we are very lucky to be joined by Russell from Island Padel who will be teaching the children to play padel tennis. On Mondays, Mr Sanson will be taking the children swimming at Langford. Please ensure children have the correct school PE kit or swimwear, including a PE jacket for lessons outside, and appropriate trainers or plimsolls.

Homework

Year 5 will be given homework starting from Monday 15th September. This will be handed out every Monday and should be returned on, or before, the following Monday. If your child loses their homework, it is their responsibility to get another copy (there will be spare copies on our 'Class Info' board in the classroom). We will also be doing times table tests weekly.

If you have any questions, please email or speak to me at the school gate.

Kind regards,

Mr Sanson & Miss Germain

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