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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you and your families had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. It has been lovely to welcome everyone into Year 5 Woodpecker class yesterday and today. We have begun to get settled back into school routines and have started exploring the zones of regulation. We have also created a class charter to help ensure everyone's rights are respected in our classroom so that we can all feel safe and ready to learn.

Our **History** topic this term is the Anglo-Saxons. We look at where they came from and what life was like in Britain during this 'Dark Age' and thinking about our local area and what the Anglo-Saxon Settlement in Reading was like. This also links into our **English** unit where we will be focusing on the book 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo. Folklore and legends will be a focus through both our writing and reading this half term. During reading sessions, we will be practising the skills of retrieval, inference, sequencing and summarising. I have attached some useful questions in the front of their **Reading Records** to help you support them at home with these skills. As we are just beginning the school year, I expect to see a minimum of 3 comments in their Reading Records weekly - either written by them or you. They are collected and checked every Monday. Each reading session at home should be a minimum of 15 minutes and can be independent reading or reading aloud to an adult. They can read a school book, a library book, complete online Read Theory or read a book/graphic novel/newspaper/from home as long as they record what they are reading in their Reading Record. **Children are encouraged to write their own comments in Year 5**, but you are also welcome to write in them, especially if you have heard them read or asked them questions. If are not writing comments but your child is, please ensure you sign it at least once a week.

In **Maths** we are focusing on Number and Place Value up to 1 million. For one math session a week (on a Thursdays with Mrs Newbury), they will be looking at Shape and Angles. Mrs Newbury will also be teaching their **RE** (Sikhism) **French** and some **Art** during my PPA cover on Thursday afternoons.

In **Music** we will be starting with some Anglo-Saxon based music work and then looking at music from different cultures, which includes playing the glockenspiels. Our **PSHE** is about families, friends and people who care for us (which will be taught by Miss Long, the subject lead on Monday afternoons). In **Art**, they will be looking at text art and creating illuminated letters. Our **Computing** unit (which will be taught by Miss Gundry on Tuesday afternoons) will develop their understanding of computer systems and how information is transferred between systems and devices.

PE this term is on a Monday (indoor - gymnastics) and a Wednesday (outdoor - hockey). Your child needs suitable trainers for outdoor PE - not plimsols as they are not suitable for wet weather. Those children with pierced ears should remove their earrings or have their own ear tape to cover them.

We will be setting **homework** every Friday, which is due back by Thursday of the following week. Spelling tests are on Fridays. All pupils have a plastic folder that their homework should be inside when they get home on a Friday and be returned inside it the following week. As we move through the year, some homework might be on Microsoft Teams but spellings will always come home on paper.

If you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the term, please do come and speak to me before or after school.

Kind regards,
Mrs Davies