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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5!!

SATs

In three weeks' time (**week beginning 9th May**) your child will be taking the Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) for Literacy and Maths. Although they should not worry about these tests, they are important and therefore **it is vital** that they are present for the whole week. In the run up to the tests, we will be doing lots of practice in school so the children are prepared and know the types of questions that will be asked. We are obviously still covering new learning as well so it is really important that days are not missed!

In maths, we will start our learning on **measurement** which will cover converting units and perimeter, area and volume. Regular arithmetic practice will also be done as it is vital that children maintain their speed and accuracy. In science, we will be learning about **'Animals including humans'**. We will learn about the parts of the circulatory system and their functions, including the heart, lungs and blood vessels. The topic will also cover what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and the negative impact that drugs and alcohol can have on the body. Our unit for RE is **'Is it better to express your religion in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?'** The learning will look at how both Christianity and Islam use these elements and the role that they have in everyday life.

In computing, we will be focussing our learning on programming. The unit explores the concept of **variables in programming through games** in Scratch. We will learn what variables are, and relate them to real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. They will experiment with variables in an existing project, modify them and then will have the opportunity to create their own project.

Our online safety learning this term will be on the topic of **managing online information**. This strand explores how online information is found, viewed and interpreted. It offers strategies for effective searching, critical evaluation of data, the recognition of risks and the management of online threats and challenges.

Our PSHE learning this term will look at **Relationships**. This unit will focus on how and why it is important to take care of our mental health, love and loss (the different stages of grief and types of loss) and power and control (to understand when people are trying to take control or gain power).

Our PE lesson will take place on Friday afternoons this term and will be **tennis** with Mrs Hodgson. Please ensure the children wear their kit every Friday into school.

Please find attached spelling patterns and Year 5 & 6 statutory words for this term. We will practise these daily in school but children will also need to revisit at home in time for spelling tests on Monday.

Homework will be sent out weekly on a Wednesday and will need to be completed and brought back into school on the Monday. Year 6 expectations are that children also read and record in their reading records, practise their spellings and do some times table practise each night. Please remember that the children have access to SATS Companion and Timestable Rockstars to help them.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your continued support.

Jess Watson & Elena Neustadter

