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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you and the children back after what has been an unusual year so far! I hope that your children are well rested and excited for a fun-filled year of learning! Due to Coronavirus, much of the communication between home and school will be done using the ClassDojo app. Therefore, it is vitally important that you have access to the app and allow notifications so that you know when we are trying to contact you. If you have any issues with this, please let me know ASAP so that this can be resolved. Any parents who are not yet connected must please do so, as soon as possible!

Until October half term, Year Five will be doing PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. Usually the Year Five and Six children would split for separate girls and boys changing, but as this breaks our 'bubbles' **children are now required to come into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.** As previously stated, for Year Five, this will be Monday and Wednesday. Therefore, PE kits are to be kept at home.

Year Five is a crucial year for your child's education and development. In upper key-stage two, the children have a vast curriculum to cover to prepare them for their future. As their teacher, I will do my absolute best to help the children catch up on missed learning *and* teach the Year Five curriculum, but this will not be possible without you, as parents, supporting their learning at home. The biggest way that you can do this is by helping your child to practise and learn their weekly spellings and times tables, which are to be tested on a Friday, and to support your children with their homework, which will be due in every Tuesday (beginning 15th September). Due to Covid-19, it is not currently possible to issue homework books to children, therefore homework needs to be photographed and sent to class using Class Dojo. Homework can be sent to myself, or Mrs Smith, who records the children's homework completion. There may also be the opportunity for extra practice of core English and Maths skills through online learning games, which I will notify you of using ClassDojo in due course.

Reading books will be issued to your children shortly. Reading books will be provided weekly and must be brought back on a Thursday for 72 hour quarantining period before they are reissued to children. Listening to your children read, asking simple questions and encouraging your children to speak with intonation is excellent for your children's development.



Questions that you could ask include:

- Why is the character feeling this way?
- Explain why...
- What clues are there that... might happen?
- What does... tell us about the story?
- Can you describe this section in your own words?

Until Christmas, the children will be exploring the following topics:

Science: Forces, Space
History: WWII
ICT: e-Safety
PSHE: Being me in my world
Art: Pointillism

Geography: Mapping the world, Earth in Space
RE: What does it mean to be human? Humanism
PE: Dance, Curling and Boccia
D&T: Designing with a purpose

What your children learn now will provide the foundations for their secondary education. During their time in the Messengers Class, I wish to encourage your children to try their best in all that they do, taking pride in themselves and their work. Thank you in advance for all of your support for this unusual, upcoming school year. I appreciate all that you do for your children and I am very much looking forward to being their teacher! If you have any questions or queries, please contact me on ClassDojo or by emailing lucy.adams@magdalen.lincs.sch.uk

Kind regards and best wishes,

Miss L Adams, Year Five Class Teacher