

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you had a lovely break. Please see below for a few updates:

Our PE days will now be Tuesdays and Fridays, children should wear a plain black or navy tracksuit and their team colour t-shirt. **Please ensure all long hair is tied up every day.** Homework will be sent home on Fridays, please make sure homework folders are back in school by the following Wednesday. Homework will continue to consist of spellings that will be tested on a Friday and also a Maths task, which will continue to be set on **Atom Learning**.

Reading books should also be read daily for a minimum of **20 minutes**, although quizzes are no longer an expectation, children can access them at home if they so wish. Now that they are in Year 5, children can record their own reading through the week and talk through their reading with an adult once a week, who can note this in their reading record.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Drummond, Mrs. Erkul, Ms. Seager and Mrs. Orchard

English

Our focus text this term will be persuasive letter writing to Deal Town Council. This topic will link with our Geography this term – Oceans. The children will explore the reasons behind the cancellation of the Boxing Day Dip and research solutions to combat this happening again, culminating in a persuasive letter to our local council members.

The second half of our term will look at the short film, *Ruin* - here the children will create a descriptive action sequence.

RE

We will be continuing to learn about different religions' beliefs around death and afterlife, with a particular focus on Buddhism.

Please see specific letter about this sensitive topic sent in Term 3.

DT

This term the children will be designing and creating bridges. They will learn to design a stable structure that is able to support weight, creating a frame structure with focus on triangulation.

Music

The children will be learning to play a brass instrument with the Bold As Brass musical company once a week for the rest of the year.

Year 5

Pumas Class Term 4



Maths

In Maths this term, we are learning how to calculate decimals and percentages; find and calculate the perimeter and area of shapes and how to read and interpret graphs and tables.

Geography

In Geography this term we will be exploring the question - *why do your oceans matter?* The children will locate and describe the significance of the Great Barrier Reef; explain the impact humans have on coral reefs and oceans; plan a fieldwork enquiry; collect data on the types of litter polluting a marine environment and present their findings.

Science

In Science this term we will be learning about forces. The children will explore and experiment with gravity, air resistance, water resistance, friction and levers, pulleys and gears.

PE

In Tag Rugby this term, we will focus on passing and catching the ball, formation and how to play a small game. In Tennis this term, we will focus on forehand and backhand techniques, moving around the court and how to play a short game.

PSHE

This term our topic is Healthy Me. The children will develop their understanding around the affects that smoking and alcohol can have your body. They will look into how media can affect body image; know how to put into practice basic emergency procedures; explore different relationships with food and know what makes a healthy diet.