



Harwell Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

First of all, I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and wish you all a very warm welcome to Year 5!

Miss Rockett will be teaching the children on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Mrs. Chapman will be teaching on Thursday. The support staff will be Mr King and another member of staff is still to be decided.

Our topic this term is '**Fabulous Forces**'. We will be seeing, learning and developing our understanding of forces at the park at the start of this term. We will be looking at how forces work in everyday life and particularly at fairgrounds. We will be learning about gravity, air resistance, friction, levers and pulleys.

We would like to invite you to our outcome 'Harwell's Fairground' which will include a collection of rides created by the children and reports on their findings. The date is **Thursday 24th October from 2:30pm to 3:00pm** in the classroom.

Swimming will be on Friday, after the morning break, so please provide a swimming costume and hat. No jewellery is permitted in the pool, so any earrings must be taken out. If, for any reason, you wish for your child not to swim, please may we ask for a written note from you; which is the same for PE. PE lessons will be on a Wednesday afternoon and they will need outdoor and indoor kits. To avoid lost kit, please could you ensure all clothing is clearly labelled. Please also ensure they bring water to school in a labelled bottle.

Homework will be given out every Monday. This term we will be focusing on spelling and multiplication tables; which will be tested each Friday. The new curriculum highlights both being of great importance, so we very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child practices these. Once they know which timetables they need to focus on, I will let you know too. There are lots of resources online to make practicing fun! I ask that the children familiarise themselves with the 11, 3, and 4 times tables ready for the test on Friday 13th September. We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you, or to a sibling. Please encourage reading everywhere in every way you can.

Please, do feel welcome to come into the classroom to see the children's work. I also hope that you will be happy to approach us with any queries or concerns that you may have during the year. You can contact me directly by email: miss.rockett@harwellprimaryschool.co.uk

Thank you again for your support, we very much look forward to the coming weeks and meeting you all at the outcome.

Best Wishes,

Miss Rockett, Mrs Chapman and Mr King