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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and wish you all a very warm welcome to Year 5! We are so excited to welcome the children to start their Year 5 journey. In school we will be working in-line with the government guidance, to ensure that each child is safe and happy.

Our topic this term is '**Fairground Forces**'. We will be seeing, learning and developing our understanding of forces in everyday life. We will learn all about gravity, air resistance, friction, levers and pulleys. We will be applying our new knowledge to create our own fairground rides!

We would like to invite you to our outcome 'Harwell's Fairground' on **Tuesday 20th October**. Here you will be able to admire all of your child's work from throughout the term. We will be keeping a close eye on the government guidelines to ensure that we do this in the safest way for you and your children and of course let you know any updates as we go.

In **literacy**, we will be focusing on the mystery story 'The Nowhere Emporium' followed by a non-fiction persuasive leaflet. In **maths**, we will start by looking into place value and then move onto subtraction and addition.

Swimming will be on Monday's, after lunch, and PE lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons.

Some points to remember:

- 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 or take part in a PE lesson, please may we ask for a written note from you.
- PE will be taking place outside until further notice. It is important the students have an appropriate **outdoor kit**.
- To avoid lost kits, costumes, and hats can you please 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. There are lots of resources online to make practicing fun! 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. If you could record your child's reading in their reading record as well, that would be great.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the start of term. If you have any questions please feel free to talk to me after school (if possible) or email the office.

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

Best Wishes,

Miss Rockett and the Year 5 Team