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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all, I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a happy new year! Thank you for all of the amazing Christmas gifts, I was truly spoiled and felt very very lucky.

Our topic this term is '**Fairground Forces**' with the big question '**If you can't see it, how can you prove it exists?**' 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 have already kicked off this topic with an exciting start by exploring the forces at Harwell park! Our topic this term is science-based but also involves art and DT.

In **literacy**, we will be focusing on the mystery story 'The Nowhere Emporium' and persuasive writing within non-fiction. We will be moving on to a new guided reading book 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. In **maths**, we will start by looking into multiplication and division and we will finish the term on fractions.

PE this term is going to be on a **Thursday** afternoon with a focus on circuits. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Thursdays. If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure that they can remove their earrings themselves or provide plasters to cover them up. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied up so please provide your child with a hairband if necessary.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will be exploring their dreams and how these might differ in different cultures and how people have different opportunities in relation to their own goals.

For **homework**, children will continue to be set spellings to practise on **SpellingShed** and an activity **MyMaths** every Monday which will be required to be completed by the Friday (paper copies can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on their spellings every Friday so it is in their interest to practise these. We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you or a sibling, Please encourage reading everywhere in every way you can. If you could also record at least three of these in your child's reading record this would be appreciated.

The children will be given a home project to complete this term with a DT focus. Further

details of this will be provided to the children within the week and it will be due at the end of term.

The **outcome** for this term will be in the final week of the term. There will be a letter to follow with more details.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term.

If you have any questions please email the office. Thank you again for your support, we look forward to another exciting year of learning!

Best wishes, Miss Rockett and the Year 5 Team