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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

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 whilst developing our grammar and punctuation which this term will include different word classes and sentence structures. Our guided reading book for the term is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. In **maths**, we will be learning about place value and addition and subtraction.

In **music** this year, we are very fortunate to have a musician from Oxfordshire County Music to teach us how to play the Ukulele. These sessions will be taking part on a Friday afternoon.

Swimming will take place on Tuesday mornings and **PE** will be on Thursday 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 this term. Please make sure children come to school in their outdoor kits on Thursdays.
 - 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.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at 'Being me in my world'. Within this unit we will be learning how to face new challenges positively, understanding our rights and responsibilities as citizens, how to make choices about our behaviour and how having a voice benefits the school community.

For **homework**, spellings will be set every Monday and will be due on the Friday of that week.

Literacy and maths homework will be alternated on a Wednesday and due the following Wednesday. Alongside this, 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