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Friday 11th June 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last half term of the year. We are so proud to see that the children have come back with enthusiasm and ready to learn about their new topics.

Topic:

This term our topic in Science is 'Animals and their Habitats.' We will be learning about how animals reproduce, pregnancy, old age and life expectancy. We will also be looking at life cycles of animals and metamorphosis. As part of our English learning, which you will find on the Knowledge Organisers attached to this letter, the children will be writing a ghost story based on our class book 'My Friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo. Our History topic is linked to our class reader. We will be looking at 'Kings, Queens and Castles', focussing on the Kings and Queens of England since the Tudor times. This is a one off topic for Year 5 this year due to the organisation of the children in Year 3 and 4 last year.

The children will regularly be using their Knowledge Organisers, so it would be wonderful if you could also continue this learning at home by asking questions about their topic, based on the facts found on the Knowledge Organisers. The children love to play games with them, such as "How many facts can you recall in a minute" or "Fastest Finger – Who can find a particular fact the quickest?"

Physical Education:

PE this half term will be on a Thursday and Friday. The children will continue to wear PE kit to school on these days.

Homework:

Finally, please do continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week (in line with the Home Learning Policy) and sign the Home School Book. Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and go on Times Tables Rock Stars, and practise their spellings using the Spellzone website. By the end of Year 5, your child should know all their multiplication and corresponding division facts and be able to recall each fact within 6 seconds confidently. Practising daily really does make a huge difference!

Other key dates to remember are:

Friday 11th June – Class photographs
WB 28th June – Assessment week
Wednesday 30th June – Meet the Teacher day.
Wednesday 7th July – KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 22nd July – Last day of school (closing at 1.30pm)

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to your child's class teacher. Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Taylor and Miss Darley