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Class 5 Autumn Term Letter

Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce ourselves as your child's teachers. We are Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Rolf and we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child in joining us in Year 5. We are happy to report that the children have settled in nicely and we have had a good start to the term. There are a few things we would like to bring to your attention for the year ahead.

Contact Arrangements

Most simple messages can be passed on to us through the School Office. Indeed, if your contact is related to the routine of the school day, such as making us aware of a medicine your child needs to take in school, a change in arrangements for your child's collection from school, or making us aware of a dental or GP appointment, contact via the School Office is the most efficient method. Office emails are checked regularly throughout the day and phone calls are an effective and immediate form of communication. You can contact the school office as follows:

Email: sch.351@educ.somerset.gov.uk or Telephone: 01823 284130

Should you have a concern related to your child's learning in class or their wellbeing, please contact us to inform us of the situation and we will be happy to help in any way we can. We will also endeavour to reply at the earliest possibility. We do ask you to remember that during the school day, we are teaching and working directly with children and therefore it is unlikely that we would be capable of a response during these times. Please may we ask that you send any emails to both teachers as we are in a job share and, as such, both need to be aware of issues regarding the children and, depending on our working days, it may ensure a speedier response.

We are pleased to say we will have Parent Teacher meetings early on this term. Please see Mr Braund's weekly newsletters for more information on dates and how to book. In the meantime, here are our contact details:

EMcDonnell@educ.somerset.gov.uk

ERolf@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Kilve Court Residential Trip

We normally bring the children to Kilve Court on a two-night residential trip in February. Although this trip did not take place last year due to Covid restrictions, we are keen that this year (if it is possible to take the children away safely) that the trip will go ahead. **For now, you may wish to begin saving for this trip.** From previous years, a rough cost estimate is £150, which would include transport, food, board and a range of exciting, instructor-led outdoor activities. We will update you as soon as we know more. If you wish, you may begin making instalments to the school office in order to spread the cost. Mrs Gordge will keep a record of any payments made.

Homework:

Homework is set on Thursdays and will be posted on Google Classroom. It will include:

- daily reading and keeping up to date with the Reading Log;
- a weekly Athletics task or Maths worksheet;
- weekly reading on Bug Club/times tables on Times Tables Rockstar and
- spellings for the weekly tests.

If homework is not handed in on time, children may miss some playtime in order to catch up. If your child finds the homework too tricky, we are happy to help. Remember, children need to ask for help **before** the due-date.

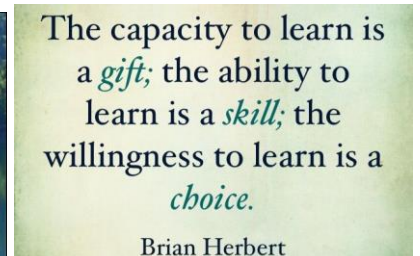
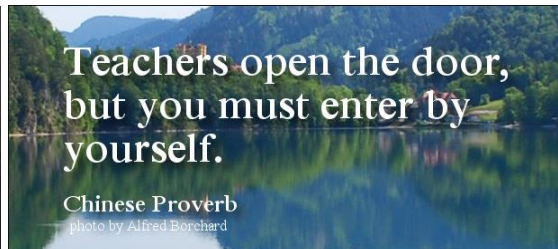
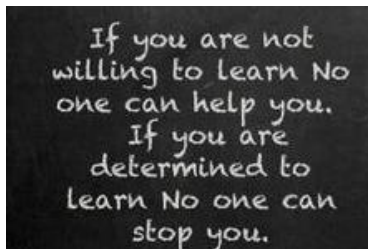
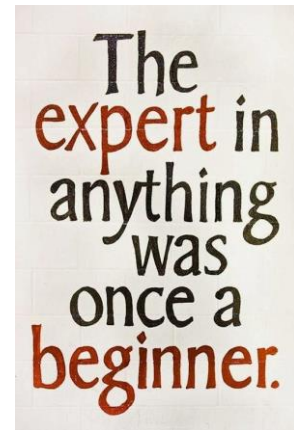
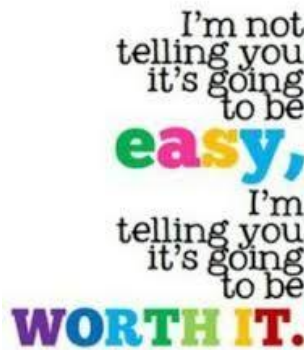
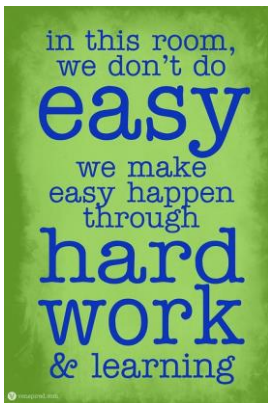
PE and Swimming

The children will have PE on Tuesdays and Swimming (fortnightly) on Thursdays. **Please can you ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit every Tuesday.** Your child will have to do PE in their school uniform if they leave their kit at home.

You should have received an email from Mr C regarding which dates your child will swim this term. On the intervening weeks, they will take part in PE and therefore should come to school wearing PE kit.

Mindset

In Class 5, we believe that having a positive learning mindset is vital and will help us all to achieve our personal best. Please talk about the statements below with your child and encourage them to always keep trying.



We have enjoyed the start of the new school year immensely so far and look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

Yours truly,
Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Rolf.