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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer holiday.

During this term:

In English, we will be using a range of poems to explore poetic devices with a specific focus on personification. The children will be using their knowledge and skills to create some poetry of their own. In addition, we will begin the amazing story *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. We will use this superb text as a vehicle to explore the poetic works and art of William Blake as well as Hogarth. We will analyse language, theme and structure in order to continue our journey around the social injustice of this time and begin to consider how Dickens' work is still relevant today.

The children will also be writing narrative, creating character, atmosphere and action through predicting the story we are reading and writing a narrative of their creation. We will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS).

In Maths, in line with a mastery curriculum, we will focus upon revisiting, securing skills and develop understanding using both mental and written methods.

Areas to be studied are: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction: Mental Strategies +/-, Number Problems +/-, Multi-step Problems +/- Multiplication and Division.

In our Guided Reading sessions, we will use a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry to develop and secure skills in reading and comprehension, as well as speaking and listening

In Science, we will begin our work with Space and the Solar System, exploring details of the planet, how the solar system, works as well as phases of the moon .

In PSHE we will continue to consider how to develop our understanding of friendship, as well as begin to tackle ideas around learning and our approach to it.

In PE, we are very fortunate to have Linda Goode, from Inspire Sports, working with Year Five on a Tuesday afternoon focusing the children on elements of working as a team. We will also have a PE session on a Monday afternoon this term.

Please ensure your child has their full, named PE kits in school on those relevant days and remind your children to take their kits home when suitable for washing. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please inform me in writing or tell us personally.

Homework will be set on Fridays to be returned the following Wednesday. It will consist of both Maths and a writing or research homework and will be set on the school website.

Thank you for your continuing support. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see us.

Yours Sincerely,

Chris Linton and Susy Bennett

(Class Teachers Year Five)



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