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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. Thank you for your very generous gifts and cards; they were much appreciated.

Please find attached an outline of work for the Spring Term. Our topic is *Ancient Greece*

Spring Term 2023

This term Chess club will continue on Friday afternoon with Mr Costello – children are making good progress in the lessons and this term will be playing in a class tournament. Mr Costello will be setting up an after-school club for chess. I will send a separate letter with more information when details have been finalised.

PE will be on Tuesday morning – please make sure your child brings the correct kit to school. Music – We will be having lessons with Mrs Simon on Tuesday morning and there will also be a choir session on Tuesday at lunchtime. We are delighted that this term Mrs McInroy will continue to teach the children computing skills – Topic – Coding.

RSHE

Our Relationship, Health and Sex Education will be delivered using the 'Life to the Full' programme.

Our learning this half-term will be **Created and Loved by God – This will include learning about: respecting our bodies, understanding differences, puberty, emotional changes and how to cope with them, body image, the effect of the internet and social media on emotional wellbeing.**

You can access the lessons via 'The Parental Portal'. <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parental-portal/>

username: english-martyrs-e1 password: tower-bridge-28

To help us continue to support your children's emotional health and well-being, we are consolidating our work on 'Zones of Regulation' throughout the school. I hope your children will be able to tell you more about this.

Online safety

As part of safeguarding our pupils, online safety is a priority. All families recently received the Acceptable Use Policy which reminds us all of the correct digital behaviour we should model to the children. All gadgets including mobile phones, tablets and iPads must have the relevant parental controls on them in order to prevent access to inappropriate material. If your child is exposed to any harmful material, it will impact on their welfare. Please ensure that your child is only using age-appropriate forms of social media. The age restrictions are in place to protect them and maintain their wellbeing.

As of May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is 16 years old. WhatsApp group chats in particular have caused upset and hurt. Parents, please also be mindful of what you write on WhatsApp. Refrain from negatively mentioning anyone's name. We all have a duty of care to the school community.

Take note of your child's screen time. It is up to us to help children balance their onscreen time and adopt a healthy digital diet. Too much time can have a negative impact on their wellbeing. You can visit www.internetmatters.org for more detailed age-relevant guidelines. For further information on this, visit www.saferinternet.org.uk

Homework

English comprehension will be set weekly and is due back in class for all groups on **Wednesday**. Mathletics weekly - Mathletics is a very important part of homework and is closely linked to the curriculum we teach in school. I check this weekly and it appears that some children are having difficulty accessing the computer. Can you let me know if this is the case and I will give them worksheets instead. Just to remind you that the logon for Mathletics is at the back of the Reading Record book.

I will also set the children a home project linked to Ancient Greece and some RE homework linked to Inspirational People.

Spellings weekly - including finding definitions or writing extended sentences. Miss Freeman teaches the spelling lesson and all work should be ready for Monday.

As you know vocabulary enrichment is very important so please encourage your child to note new words in their Reading Records and use dictionaries and thesauruses to explore meanings and synonyms. Please also encourage your child to read a variety of texts to help improve their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

This is a very hard working term, but should also be enjoyable; if your child has any difficulties with the work set or any other aspect of their education, please do not hesitate to see me.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Moore

Outline of work Spring 1 Year 5

RE

Inspirational People

Jesus Our Saviour

What it means to be a Disciple

The Beatitudes

Living the Beatitudes

Be Saints not Celebrities

Literacy

Spellings

Year 5/6 spelling rules and lists. (see spelling book provided)

We will also be learning about Greek topic words

Words derived from Greek.

Grammar

Relative Clauses

Using semi colons and commas correctly.

Constructing sentences in different ways whilst retaining meaning.

Exploring different tenses including perfect and progressive.

Consolidating understanding of the layout of speech.

Cohesion within and across paragraphs

Reading

The Adventures of Odysseus

Greek Myths

Information texts about Ancient Greece

Writing linked to The Adventures of Odysseus

Poetry

Letter Writing

Diary Entries,

Story Boards

Descriptions

Argumentative Writing

Short Myth Narrative

Maths

Multiplication and Division -

Reasoning and Problem Solving.

Formal written methods of multiplication and division with remainders.

Fractions-

Multiplying fractions

Finding fractions of a number or quantity

Reasoning and Problem Solving of all the above

Decimals

Decimals to two decimal places

Equivalent fractions and decimals

Computing - Programming

PE - Gymnastics