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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Class 5

Welcome back after the Easter holiday. This letter is to let you know what we will be doing in class over the next two terms leading up to the summer, and how you can help your child.

Obviously there will be SAT tests for year 6 in week 5. The reading test will be on the Monday; grammar, punctuation and spelling test on Tuesday; Maths tests 1 & 2 on Wednesday and Maths test 3 on Thursday. During SATs week I will be introducing the intended play for the end of the year and hopefully the week after the SATs, and before the Isle of Wight week we will have a practical cookery week.

The overall theme for this term is 'Come Dine with Denton'.

Our design and technology project will focus on cookery this term, looking at where our food comes from; various cookery techniques; health and safety in the kitchen; microbes and bacteria; the advantages of using seasonal and locally grown foods and leading up to having a café in the school, sometime after the May term. We hope that you will be able to join us in the café (details and menus will go out at a later date) or be able to order from our take out menu.

Our science topic links closely with this as we look at how our bodies work: the circulation system; breathing system; life cycles; digestion; balanced diets and the benefits of exercise.

Our Geography topic also links with the idea of where our food comes from on a local and global scale; how different foods require different climate systems and later we will be looking at maps and the local area.

I hope that later in the second term we will also have an art week where, with a focus on fruit, we will be painting and printing. If there is time we will also be studying the modern Olympics.

In maths we will be focusing on geometry: angles, shapes, symmetry and co-ordinates for the first four weeks of the term. Following this the year 6 will have their SATs tests. After the SATs tests the focus will be on areas which individuals have found difficult during the year, as well as practical maths applications (measuring and ratio in cookery, co-ordinates in map work).

In literacy we will be focusing on essential grammar areas and looking at stories set in imaginary worlds.

The children will continue to have spellings each week, given out on a Monday and tested on Friday (it is important that spellings are learned to help with reading and writing). They will also usually be given a piece of maths homework, which is given out on a Friday and expected back by the following Thursday, at the latest. The homework is usually a consolidation of the work we have carried out during the week.

It is still extremely important that you continue to read and share books with your child, whether they are reading independently or particularly if they are struggling to read. Lots of children can decode well but it is important that they talk about the stories and words that they read so that they really understand them. It is also vital that your child learn their tables to 12 x 12 including knowing the division facts - this will help them to multiply numbers quickly, divide numbers quickly, spot number patterns, work out fractions of numbers, find percentages, work out areas of shapes etc. Please also make sure that your child is able to read the time on analogue and digital clocks.

If you have any questions or concerns, or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Yours faithfully

Miss Lorna Burrow (Class 5 teacher)