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Dear Year 5 Children, Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to have been appointed as the new Year 5 teacher at Hensingham Primary School and look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks. Mr. Norman will continue to work with us in the mornings. Please find below an outline of what Year 5 will be doing this half-term.

Maths:

In Mathematics, the children will be continuing to develop their understanding of 'Multiplication and Division', while also beginning to explore how these link to 'Fractions'. We will focus on building confidence with times tables, sharing and grouping, and recognising fractions of shapes and numbers.

English:

In English, our core text this term is 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. Through this text, we will be focusing on writing a myth, to create characters (heroes, villains and monsters) and setting and write from a different character's point of view; in addition to supporting the children to develop their reading comprehension, vocabulary, and writing skills.

Science:

In Science, we will be learning about mixtures and separation, exploring and experimenting with mixtures, sieving, filtering, solutions, dissolving and evaporating

Wider Curriculum:

In **Art**, our topic will be 'Sculpture: Interactive Installation', where we will be focusing on what installation art is and create our own pieces of installation art! In **Computing**, our topic will be 'Programming' where we will investigate working with micro:bits; exploring how these work and how they can be used effectively. In **French**, our topic links to Science from before the Christmas holidays. We will be looking at Space in French, identifying French vocabulary for the Solar System. Our **Geography** topic is focused on oceans and why they are so important to our planet. Our **Music** topic is focused on South & West Africa music, focusing on performance and singing unaccompanied. Our **PE** topic is dance where we will focus on developing movements for a routine, resulting in performance of the routine. Our **RE** topic is Forgiveness: Is reconciliation possible? Where we will be focusing on Jesus's teachings of forgiveness and how this applies to us today. Our **PSHE** topic is 'Safety & the Changing Body'.

PE DAYS:

PE Days have changed for Year 5 this half-term. PE will now take place on **Monday and Wednesday**. Therefore, please remember that your child needs a **full PE kit** on these days.

Diary Dates:

Important dates for your diary can be found on the school newsletter.

Kind regards

Mr. J. A. Gildert, Hazel Class Teacher