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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break! We can't quite believe it's the summer term ALREADY! During this learning journey you can expect a great deal of excitement from the children as we explore mechanisms and create pop-up books. In addition to this, we'll be venturing into the world of volcanoes as part of our Geography Learning Journey: **How Do Volcanoes Affect the Lives of People on Heimaey?**

Homework

Homework continues to be set every Monday, with the expectation that children all hand it in by the following week. Please ensure children continue to practise their times tables, particularly those they are less confident with.

Reading

A message about reading for pleasure from SF Said, author of Varjak Paw, Phoenix and Tyger.



SF Said ✓
@whatSFSaid

Reading for pleasure has the biggest positive impact of any factor on children's life chances. It really does change their lives FOREVER! So whatever else you do – please keep reading books with kids, and encouraging them to read. There is nothing more important. [#literacy](#)

Book Corner

This half-term, as we are looking at mechanisms in our Design & Technology learning journey, we have some amazing books full of wonderful mechanisms:

Clockwork by Philip Pullman

Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy

Sky Pirates by Alex English

Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher

Art

As part of our art learning journey this half term we will be looking at craft photomontage. For this we will need plenty of magazines, which we will be able to cut up and stick to create the backgrounds of our montages. If anyone has any old magazines that they would be happy to donate to the children in year 5, they would be kindly received.

Diary Date: Week Beginning 20th May - Sports Week

Thank you, as always, for all your support.

The Year 5 Team

Mr Harper, Miss Duncan, Mrs Traverse, Mrs German, Mr. Howard and Miss White

