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Dear Parents, carers and children,

We are very excited to welcome you back to school, where we have lots of great learning planned for this Christmas term.

Our new topic this half term is '**What is a River?**' and you will be able to discover the details of the children's learning across all subjects on the **Year 5 Topic Grid**. As a hook into our learning, on the morning of Wednesday 5th November, we will walk to Brook Meadow in Emsworth to take part in a local study given by The West Sussex Rivers Trust, focusing on the River Ems chalk stream.

Just so you are aware, the **PE** days in Year 5 are **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. A polite reminder that the correct kit should be provided for these lessons: white t-shirt, navy blue shorts and trainers. Our PE lessons will take place outside as much as possible so please provide your children with navy blue tracksuit bottoms, jumpers and waterproofs to avoid them getting cold. Children with pierced ears will be asked to remove earrings: if they cannot, they should bring their own micro-pore tape with which to cover them.

Homework and Spellings will continue to be set on Monday and then marked the following week. We mark their Homework as a group every week.

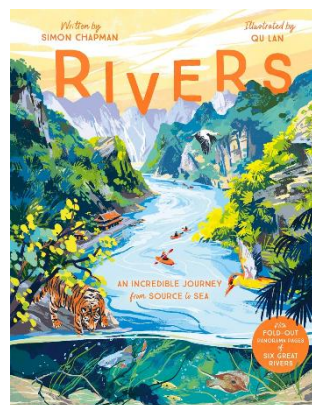
Please encourage your child to read every day, from lots of different material, e.g. their school library book, an information book or a recipe. Children will continue to use 'Times Table Rock Stars' to practise their times tables and we will be monitoring their progress so please continue to support them.

Recommended Reads:

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
Noah's Gold by Frank Cottrell-Boyce
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 5th November - Brook Meadow
Mon 10th Nov Anti-bullying week—wear odd socks!
Fri 14th Nov Children in Need



Year 5 Team – Mrs Boiron, Mrs McQuaid and Mr Lammas

