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Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome all of the children back to school and to their penultimate year at Wivelsfield Primary School. I have been so impressed with Year 5 in how they have settled in to the new routines.

Our Learning Journey: Main focus Terms 1-2 – World War 2: We will be exploring:

- the evacuees of war and what happened during the process;
- the perspective of what happened to children in Germany during the same time;
- the moral implications of the war and the difficult choices which people faced during that time.
- themes of prejudice and oppression, in an age-appropriate and sensitive way

In Terms 3-4 we will be studying the Ancient Egyptians and Terms 5-6 we focus on Fairtrade.

Key Information:

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. All homework is set and handed in on Google Classroom. Full homework will be set from Friday 16th September.

Homework will typically consist of:

- Spellings - to practise and learn. We will have a mini spelling quiz each Friday morning to test the spellings they have practised. Please encourage your child to use strategies they find most helpful. We will be exploring these throughout the term. The spelling list is also in the back of your child's reading diary. We will highlight the words that your child has incorrectly spelt, if any, so that you know how they are performing in the quiz each week.
- Daily reading – please encourage your child to read daily and fill out their reading journals. It is your child's responsibility to choose and change their reading books as required. The more they read the better writers they become!
- Times Tables Rockstars – 30 minutes minimum across the week
- Maths – a My Maths activity set each week
- Topic OR English – short piece of work linked to any of our foundation subjects OR practising a sentence structure, revising an area of grammar.

All passwords and usernames have been stuck into the back of your child's reading diary. Please do take a picture/copy of this to keep somewhere safe at home.

Homework is expected to be completed every week. Please do get in touch if there are any issues accessing the work at any point and I will do my best to help.

Handwriting: Children will be following a handwriting progression scheme across the whole school to develop their cursive writing and muscle memory for spellings. The year 5 children have already got off to a great start. We encourage children to take pride in their handwriting and in all of their writing, whatever stage of the handwriting journey they are at. Please do encourage this at home too.

PE: Thursday afternoon and Friday afternoons. This term PE will be focussing on athletics and football, then tag rugby and netball in term 2. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE kit on these days. As always, long hair must be tied up and earrings to be taped or removed on the day of PE, along with removing any jewellery or watches. PE is taught on a Friday afternoon by Mrs Diack.

Computing: Each week we have a computing lesson. It would be really useful – but not essential – for each child to bring in a cheap, named mouse if possible. This is a really useful skill for the children to develop. This can be brought in on a Thursday for computing and taken back home or kept in their trays during the week.

PPA: Friday afternoon is Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. My PPA will be covered by Mrs Cole a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and Mrs Diack who will teach PE.

TA & Support Staff: Mrs Shorter is the class Teaching Assistant Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Cole is TA on Tuesday. We also have Mrs Truss Monday-Wednesday & Mrs Maslin Wednesday-Friday as an INA.

Finally, if you have interests, skills, equipment or anything else that you would be prepared to share with Badger Class at some point, I'd love to hear from you!
Please do get in touch if there is anything else that I can help you with.

Best Wishes, Mrs Green and the Badger Team