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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first week back, the children have settled in well and we thought we would do a little introduction to answer some of the questions that you might have.

In Year 5:

- Homework is handed out on a **Friday** and **must be handed in by the next Friday** (they can bring this in any day before). There are two tasks and it is expected to take around 45 minutes to complete. Children will be expected to complete this at lunchtime if the deadline has been missed.
- We ask the children to **read 5 times a week** (and **answer questions about the text they have read**) and a family member aged 15 and over sign the reading diary each week. Your child will spend 10 minutes reading at lunchtime per day missed, if there are less than 5 separate entries.
- We have a big focus on **neat, joined handwriting**. Please ask your child to write out a couple of sentences again practicing their joined handwriting, each time that this isn't the case.
- **Every day**, your child's **reading diary, reading book and named water bottle** should be in their school bag as these are regularly referred to and children are responsible for changing their book first thing in a morning.

In addition to this, there will be several school trips and visitors organised throughout Year 5. Three of these will be chargeable to parents - one which is up to £5, one up to £15 and one up to £25. More details will be given in the coming weeks, but the first trip will be to the Space Centre on Tuesday 8th November and will cost £22 (£11 if you are eligible for Pupil Premium).

We will be sending a **consent form** home for going on **local visits within the Derby City boundary** and we would be grateful if you could complete it and send it back ASAP.

Kind regards,

Miss Dunn, Mr Watts and Miss Hammond

Headteacher: Zoe Cannon