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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely break over Easter and enjoyed the sunshine. Term 5 is particularly short with just five weeks, two of which contain bank holidays! Despite the shortness, we still have lots going on.

SATs

Week four of this term will be SATs week for our Year 6s. The children have worked hard all year and should be very proud of all their efforts; we certainly are! Over the first three weeks of term, we will be revisiting areas that the children have found more challenging. In maths we will mainly be focusing on division, fractions and percentages as well as lots of mental skills. In English we are supporting the children with editing their own work to ensure it is their very best work. These are areas the Year 5s also need to go over so it will be three weeks well spent. At parents evening, I gave out activities aimed specifically at each child as well as recent SATs papers for the Year 6s to look at together at home and hope you found these useful.

There will be a SATs meeting for Year 6 parents after school on Tuesday 7th May at 3:30pm to let you know the structure of the week and answer any of your questions.

Cracking Contraptions

Due to the shortness of this term, as well as getting rather carried away with our house building last term, our topic continues this term. We will be moving onto learning about light in science which will involve making shadow puppets, periscopes and more! This will give the children excellent writing opportunities to explain their science learning.

Class text: The Man Who Walked Between the Towers

Our class text this term is 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein and is based on the true story of Philippe Petit who walked across a tightrope between the Twin Towers in New York. If you have Amazon Prime, there is a video of the book to watch which we have been using in class. Several films have also been made with real footage of the event should your children want to find out more about this.

STOMP!

The children in KS2 all started their music lessons with their specialist music teacher this week. Each class will be having a 45 minute lesson each Friday morning for the next ten weeks where they will learn to play different rhythms and compose music in groups.

Swimming

Please don't forget that the children in Year 5 will have swimming lessons every Tuesday this term and most of next. The coach leaves promptly at 9 am to take them to Thornbury Leisure Centre so please ensure your child has their swimming things each Tuesday and is in school well before the coach leaves.

Reading

All children who have brought in their reading diary now have a Race to the Sun recording sheet for terms 5 and 6. I have been very impressed with the number of children who have managed to reach the sun in the last few weeks and know there are several children who are not far off! Please keep signing the sheet at the front of your child's reading diary to show days they have read. Please also continue to talk to them about what they are reading; don't forget the list of prompt questions that were sent home at parents' evening last term.

Sports Week:

The last week of this term will be sports week. More information about this will be sent home in due course

As always, please do come and see me if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Sarah Woodcock