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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. The children have settled into Year 5 happily and are already demonstrating positive learning behaviours.

Please keep this letter to refer to, however if you have any further questions, please email during school hours at: emma.harper@cuddington.thpt.org.uk.

Curriculum for this half term

The key texts that will shape our writing this term are 'Robot Girl' by Malorie Blackman and 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. In history this half term we will be learning about the Benin Kingdom. The children will be exploring the similarities and differences of different social, cultural and ethnic diversity in Britain and the wider world. In science we will be learning about the earth and beyond, which include learning about the solar system and planets.

In PE children will learn about changes that occur to the body through exercise, why exercise is important and they will also participate in football this half term.

PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please note that earrings need to be removed during these lessons. Children will be taking part in vigorous exercise during the sessions, so a full PE kit is required on both days. If children are unable to take part, please inform us in writing. PE will be weather dependent, so children will need to be prepared with indoor and outdoor kit.

Home Learning

In Year 5 children are given English and Maths home learning on a Friday, to complete by Wednesday of the following week. As always, children are expected to read for 20 minutes a day, recording this in their reading records and need to complete at least 3 Home Learning tasks during the half term.

Reading

Below is a list of 6 books taken from the recommended reading list for Year 5. To encourage all children to read across a range of books, these are some suggestions of texts which could be read independently or can be read to the children at home.



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Each half term, I will suggest different books for the children to read. If you would like more support in choosing reading books for your child, please do let me know.

Suggested books for this half term:

The Breadwinner	Ellis, Deborah
Heard it in the playground	Allan Ahlberg
Hercules	McCaughrean, Geraldine
Boy Overboard	Gleitzman, Morris
Charlotte's Web	White, E.B
Sky in the pie	McGough, Roger

Learning Gems will be awarded for children who complete the reading of these books, just record the reading of these books as normal in your child's reading record book.

Reading Records

Hearing your child read is vital to support their progress and enhance their language development. In Year 5 children are expected to read every night for at least 20 minutes. Please listen to your child read and ask questions to ensure they understand what they are reading and can comment on the book, expressing their opinions and reasons.

Spellings

Each week the children will be given a list of words to learn as part of their homework. The children will be learning spelling rules and patterns in their spelling sessions in class, so it is important that the spelling words are practised ready for their weekly spelling test. Spellings will be given on a Friday and the test will take place the following Friday. Please ensure you take a note of the spellings before returning your child's homework book to school so that they can continue to practise them throughout the week.

Communication with parents/carers

If you have any questions or would like to discuss something with me, then please email or call the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

Emma Harper



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