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6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Maple class

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half term. The children have returned to school ready to continue their learning.

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 The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries by J T Williams and The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. In geography this half term we will be learning about Slums in different countries. In science we will be learning about how to separate mixtures.

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

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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.

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:

Cosmic	Cottrell Boyce, Frank and Steven Lenton
The Goldfish Boy	Thompson, Lisa
Storm	Crossley-Holland, Kevin
In Search of a Homeland: The Story of the Aeneid	Penelope Lively
The Secret Garden	Burnett, Frances Hodgson
The Railway Children	Nesbit, E

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 evening 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

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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.

Important Dates for Autumn 2:

6th November 2026 – Year 6 Height and weight checks.
12th November 2026 – Parent Conference Meetings
17th November 2026 - Parent Conference Meetings
18th November 2026 – School photographer
20th November 2026 – Odd socks day
11th December 2026 – Christmas Jumper Day
11th December 2026 – Christmas dinner
15th December 2026- Carol service rehearsal
16th December 2025 – Christmas Carol Service
18th December 2026 – End of Term 3.10 Finish

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