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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 5. We hope you all had a fun and restful Easter break.

Our topic for term 5 is Houses Through Time. Throughout the topic we will be thinking about why our homes have changed over time, thinking about both the interior and exterior and considering how homes of the future might be. To launch this topic we will visit the Weald and Downland Living Museum to explore period houses on Wednesday, May 1st. This will give the children first-hand experience of what different styles of houses we have around us. We will also be exploring the houses in Lewes through a learning walk.

In English, we are starting the term by using various images to stimulate writing and increase our stamina using the skills taught in Terms 1-4. Later in the term, we will become Estate Agents and write a persuasive advert to entice a buyer to purchase the house we will design and build in our DT focus lessons with Mrs Mannering.

In our Guided Reading time, Mrs Sakaki will be continuing a whole class read. In these sessions everyone reads the same text and discuss the passages in various ways. At the same time, Mrs Mannering will be leading a phonics group.

In Maths we will continue our Fractions unit for the first few weeks. This will include identifying the denominator, ordering and comparing fractions and finally, finding equivalent fractions. Next we will start our unit on Mass Throughout the term we will continue to embed the 2,3,4,5,8,10 times tables but as they are not our focus, it would be greatly appreciated if you practice this at home.

For science this term we will be finishing off our Plants unit and move onto some lessons on sun safety and shadows now that the sun will hopefully be making more of an appearance.

Our Art this term will be a DT focus and will continue to be taught Mrs Mannering. At the beginning of the term, students will learn different paper joining and folding techniques. Then linked to our topic, the students will design a period house and build it using the DT skills learnt. To end the unit, students will evaluate their design based on their final product.

Tuesdays will be swimming at Lewes Leisure Centre. Please have student bring their swimming costume, towel, goggles and swim hat if used, in a separate bag that is easily carried. A small snack for the walk back is also recommended.

We will continue Music and French lessons over the term. In Music we will continue to use Charanga to guide our learning, and in French we will look at animals. In RE will learn about Christianity by considering the question, 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' In Computing we learn or improve upon our touch typing skills.

There is a new 'homework grid' for the term that has Maths, English and Topic activities. It is encouraged to do 2-3 a week, with a main focus on Maths and English. Feel free to post the activity on SeeSaw or have your child bring in their work to school.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to see me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sarah Sakaki