Friday 10th September 2021

**Welcome back!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely, enjoyable Summer holiday! We are excited for the coming year and know your child will enjoy great learning experiences in Year 5. Below, you will see an outline of our topics for this year as well as special trips/visitors. You will receive additional information including dates, times and costs for each trip closer to the event.

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| **Autumn Term 1** | **Autumn Term 2** | **Spring Term 3** | **Spring Term 4** | **Summer Terms 5** | **Summer Term 6** |
| **Space**  Children will learn about our solar system and space exploration.  **Special Events**  Space Planetarium -  The children will be transported into space in the mobile planetarium.  **Monday 11th October** | **The Ancient Greeks**  The children will learn about Ancient Greek myths and the difference between Athenians and Spartans.  **Special Event**  Ancient Greece Day – dress up in an Ancient Greek inspired outfit and build the Parthenon  **Wednesday 3rd November**  Celebration Assembly  **Monday 6th December** | **Poles Apart**  Children will learn about Sir Ernest Shackleton’s epic adventure.  **Special Event**  *Forest School Day – Topic Launch*  **Friday 7th January** | **The Great Fire of London**  Children will learn about The Great Fire of London and The Black Plague.  **Special Event**  Re-create the burning down of Pudding Lane in the school playground  Celebration Assembly  **Monday 28th March** | **Our Living Planet**    Children will study climate change and compare animal life cycles.      **Special Events**  Porthpean 2 night Residential  **Wednesday 4th May – Friday 6th May 2021** | **Maya**  Children will explore the Maya culture and investigate the disappearance of the Maya civilisation.  **Special Event**  Art day – we will be making and decorating Maya masks  Celebration Assembly  **Monday 11th July** |

In Year 5, PE will be taught on Monday afternoons and Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their PE kit and water bottle in school on these days.

At Carbeile, we expect children to read at least three times a week, recording each time in their reading record. Children will also be given a weekly spelling sheet of 10 key spelling words. Please help your child to practise and learn these words. Next week, your child will be provided with an individual log in card for Mathletics, Bug Club and Times Table Rock Stars and will be attached to their reading record. Please encourage your child to access these websites at home as they really develop skills taught in class.  
  
We have sent home a copy of the home learning tasks (you can also access this on the school website), which can be completed at home to further develop learning and curiosity about the Year 5 topics. Children will be rewarded for completing home learning and work will be celebrated and displayed.

We have a tendency to get a little messy in Year 5. If you have an old, oversized shirt or t-shirt, please send it into school so the children can protect their clothes when needed.

If you have any questions or expertise in any of our topic areas, which you would be willing to share, please do not hesitate to see your child’s class teacher. Thank you for your continued support.

Team Year 5