

## **PE**

Children will be given the opportunity to take part in striking and fielding games during PE this term. It is important to ensure that your child brings their PE kit in every week. In 5A and 5B this will continue to be every Tuesday.

## **Homework**

Completed homework should be brought back to school on Monday and new homework will be issued on Tuesday. The purpose of homework will be to provide an opportunity for you to work in partnership with your child in their learning.

## **Reading**

Children should remember to bring home their reading record and a reading book every night. The reading record should be signed and returned to school daily.

## **Spelling and Times-Tables Tests**

These will be set on a regular, weekly basis. It is extremely important that children are given an opportunity (and support) to practice their spellings and tables as much as possible.

**Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that your child receives the best possible education at Duncombe.**

# Year 5

## ***Information for Parents***

### Summer Term 1

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to enclose information on what your child will be learning over the next half-term.

We are pleased to say that these are only a few of the exciting experiences that we will be offering at the school as a part of the year 5 curriculum.

Please feel free to speak to us about any of these things.

Yours Faithfully,

Hayley & Louise  
*(Year 5 Teachers)*

**Literacy.**

The genres we will be concentrating on this half term are persuasive writing, instructions and recounts. We shall continue our work on vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation (VCOP).

**Maths.**

We will continue to follow the Numeracy Primary Framework to support teaching and learning in Maths. This half term there will be a particular focus on ratio and proportion; decimals and mathematical problems.

**Science.**

This half term we will study the gases around us. Through this unit children learn that gases are materials and can be distinguished from solids and liquids by their properties. They also learn about the uses of some important gases and where gases are found.

Work in this unit also offers opportunities for children to use scientific knowledge and understanding to explain everyday phenomena related to air and other gases.

**ICT.**

We will be using the internet to support our science topic, and topic on chocolate. We will also be using interactive software to improve our basic skills.

**Topic.** This term we will continue to study Chocolate. This very exciting topic covers where in the world cocoa beans are grown; how they are turned into bars of chocolate; the importance of fair-trade as well as the history of chocolate. We will also explore chocolate design and packaging.

**Creativity** Once a week we will attempt to carry out a fun and engaging activity, relating to the curriculum but with a particular focus on enjoyment. Such activities include drama, art, DT, cooking and sewing.

**Music.** This half term the children will continue to participate in weekly choral singing sessions with a specialist singing teacher from the Borough.

**PE.** In PE this term we will be focusing on team sports and ball games. As a result of the warmer weather, it is likely that lessons will be held outside, so children should bring trainers. Parents wishing to excuse their children from lessons must do so in writing, but please avoid doing so unless it is absolutely necessary.

**French.** Children will continue to have French lessons, every fortnight. The specialist teacher Dawn will be in school to take these fun and exciting lessons. The children have made very good progress already, and will put these skills into practice when we visit Paris next term.