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Dear Year 5 Parents,

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to a new year and the Spring Term at St. Clement Danes. I hope you had an enjoyable break with your children. I would like to thank you for all the kind presents and cards I received before the holidays.

Attendance and punctuality are really important in order for your child to learn. In the Autumn term, Y5's percentage attendance was lower than it should be. Please make sure your child is in school on time.

In English, for the first two weeks we will be focusing on poetry through Space. The children will be learning some space poems for the Poetry Recital.

Earth and Space, through literacy, science and art, is also our focus. Through investigations and reading texts, the children will become much more knowledgeable about the universe and how we relate to it. In English, we are reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce, which is a comedy, so it should develop the children's understanding of humour.

Remember that homework for both English and Maths is set on Thursdays to be completed and returned by the following Tuesday. Please support and encourage your child with their homework and remind them to hand it in on time so that it can be promptly marked and returned. Remember in the meantime they should also be using the IXL site for Maths and English. I am able to check who has been using the site and when. Please make sure your child is using this learning aid.

The children will be given a spelling test on Friday each week. Swimming will continue on Wednesday while Football takes place on Thursdays. Encourage your child to complete some reading each day and listen to them read on a regular basis. **Reading logs are checked on Wednesdays so must be in on that day.**

Please ask your child each day if they have any letters. Return any permission slips promptly - this is especially important for trip letters as if written permission is not received your child will not be permitted to go on the trip.

Year 5 are looking very smart at the moment but please do continue to ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, including a tie every day. **Boots worn to school in winter must be changed to shoes at school.**

Finally, I would like to say that I have missed the children over the Christmas break and I am looking forward to an exciting time broadening all our horizons this half term.

Thank you for your continued support

Ms C. Harney

