



Heaton St. Barnabas' C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you have had a restful new year, and are excited and ready to start the new term. We now have a brand new and amazing topic called 'Ancient Civilisations'. Throughout this half term, we will have fun learning about ancient civilizations, which include the Sumer, Indus Valley, Ancient Egyptians and the Shang Dynasty.

This half term, 5M will be going swimming on Monday afternoons, and will require swimming costumes/trunks/swimming goggles and a towel in a waterproof bag each week. PE for 5M will continue to take place on Wednesday and Friday.

Children will have a **reading book** that they should bring to school with them. Children are expected to read every night at home (preferably with an adult), or at least four times per week. **Spellings** are given out on **Monday** and will be tested on the following **Monday**. **Homework** will be a set of tasks linked to our learning (the wider curriculum and science) and children should try to complete 2 or 3 tasks of their choice. We will have a 'Festival of Homework' in the final week of the half term to celebrate the children's efforts.

School planners must be brought to school each day to enable easy communication between school and home.

The following is a list of things your child will need every day for school:

- Indoor pumps (needed every day)
- School Planner (needed every day)
- PE kit, including trainers (to be worn to school on Wednesday every week)
- Water bottle
- Any inhalers (in date) or medicines your child needs

Punctuality and attendance are crucial for your child's progress in Year 5. I would be grateful if you would ensure that they arrive on time for when school opens at 8.35 am. Other ways that you can support your child are to help them to learn their times tables, to read with them frequently, help them practise their spellings and to encourage them to complete their homework.

I am looking forward to working closely with you this half term. If you have any questions or concerns at any time regarding your child, please either put a note in your child's school planner or leave a message at the school office and I will get back in touch with you.

With best regard,
Mrs Mahmood
5M Class Teacher



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