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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break. We would like to welcome you to Upper Key Stage Two and in particular, Year 5: Mrs. Cousins (5C) and Mrs. Bradley (5B). We are pleased to report that the children have made an excellent start to their learning in Year 5 and we look forward to the year ahead. This year, Mrs. Bradley will be supported in class by Mrs. Absalom and Mrs. Cousins will be supported by Miss Heathcote.

During the Autumn term, our topic is 'Space' where we will be learning about Earth and Space in science and combining this with developing geographical tools and skills to enhance locational and place knowledge of our planet: Earth. We will also be looking at the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun and the movement of them. Our writing for this term will link to our topic and we will be writing a narrative and a set of instructions linked to aliens!

We are teaching maths based around the White Rose Maths schemes of work in line with the whole school. We aim to immerse the children in engaging, hands-on, practical activities to develop a deep understanding of maths, which will improve their reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Homework: In Year 5, the homework expectations are as follows: In maths, we would like to really focus on the recall of all the times tables. They need to be revising these for at least 5 times weekly, either through TTRS or other means. Your child will also have weekly spellings to learn.

We would like to thank you for your support with your child's reading at home and remind you that we would expect a minimum of three signatures weekly to confirm that reading is taking place at home. These will also be collected every Monday.

As usual, we really appreciate your support in the following areas:

- ❖ **Attendance and punctuality** – always important, but even more so in this crucial term. Please ensure your child is on time and in school every day wherever possible.



We are continuing an '**Early Bird Maths**' session every day in addition to our daily maths lesson. This is an opportunity for your child to practise and consolidate their essential maths skills to ensure they achieve their maximum potential in their maths lessons. **These sessions take place every morning at 8:45am** so it is more important than ever that your child is in school on time every day!

- ❖ **School uniform** – please remember that this includes full PE kit and black boots/shoes without excessive decoration. PE kit should remain in school throughout the term.
- ❖ **Homework** – this really contributes to your child's learning journey, so please ensure that your child is completing their homework to a high standard, and handing it in on time.

Could we remind parents and carers that **mobile phones** should **only** be given to children to bring to school if you feel it will help them to stay safe on the journey to and from school. If your child brings one into school, it should be given directly to the class teacher, who will return it to them at the end of the day.

For your information, this half-term will finish on Thursday 20th October, with school re-opening on Monday 30th October.

At Royton Hall we really consider ourselves to be working in partnership with you to help your child enjoy their learning. Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions relating to your child. We are always available to answer your queries over email or by phone.

With kind regards,

Mrs Bradley and Mrs Cousins