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Dear Parents/Carers,



Happy New Year to you all and thank you for your Christmas cards and gifts – they were very gratefully received. I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and your child is now ready for the activities and exciting work planned for this half-term.

Our topic this term is our fabulous class country - Greece. We will be tying our DT, Geography, History and English work to our topic country and exploring the rich vein of learning opportunities that Greece provides. For more details and other subject information please see the Year 5 Topic Map.

Key dates for the half-term:

- **Monday 2nd January 2022 – Bank Holiday**
- **Tuesday 3rd January** – First day of the spring term
- **Friday 27th January** – Careers Day (more information will be sent out)
- **Monday 6th February** – Safer Internet week
- **Friday 10th February** - End of half-term.
- **Monday 20th February** - First day of spring 2.

Things to remember:

- Your child will have **PE on Wednesdays and Fridays**. They will need to wear their PE kit for both sessions. In light of the colder weather children are allowed to wear tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor P.E.
- Please remember to give your child a snack for morning break.
- We are still very much in the wetter and colder months, and we do like the children to be outside as much as possible during break and lunchtime even if it is lightly drizzling. Please ensure therefore that your child has a waterproof **coat with them every day**.



Homework reminder:

- Children are asked to read at least 5 times a week. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books both fiction and non-fiction. This will improve their vocabulary and their writing tremendously. Please do ask your child about their reading. Questions on what might happen next; what has happened so far; discussions on how characters are feeling; and comments on the use of the author's language would all be ideal to support your child's comprehension skills.
- Please ensure your child is learning their times tables at home. They can still access **TT Rockstars** and all children have been given their log-in details – if they have been mislaid do let us know as we have duplicates at school.
- Homework will be set on Thursdays and it will be due in by the following Tuesday. I will be running a Homework Club on a Friday lunchtime for those who may need support with their homework and for those who have failed to complete it on time.
- In order to further support your child please encourage them to continue to work on spellings as this will help them greatly this year.

We are continuing to focus on general presentation and handwriting in every lesson. With this in mind please be reminded that your child still has free access to our handwriting website: <https://www.letterjoin.co.uk>. The username is **ak3814** and the password is **home**. This website can be used to practise individual letters or blends of letters that your child may find tricky to join.

As always, if there are any worries or concerns, or you just want to check how your child is getting on, please do not hesitate to contact me by email: office@lyminster.w-sussex.sch.uk.

Kind regards,

Mr Harrison
Year 5 Teacher