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Welcome back to a new term in Year 5! We are entering 2025 and we look forward to all of the exciting learning opportunities it will provide. You have all worked so hard in the first third of your time in class 5 and should feel proud of your journey so far.

Our learning this half term is based around the theme 'Saving Our Environment'. For this, we will be reading the science-fiction story '**City of Rust**' by Gemma Fowler.

This half-term, **English** will consist of writing a story opening with action and writing a non-chronological report.

- In **Maths**, we will be continuing our work on division and area and scaling.
- In **Geography**, we will be considering the impact pollution has globally with a focus on air pollution and exploring what communities are doing to combat it.
- In **Science**, we will be learning about mixtures and solutions, then performing experiments to understand how we can separate them.
- In **Computing**, we will be interfacing with physical systems using Microbits.
- During **RE**, we will be discussing values and how both Humanists and Christians define theirs.
- In **Art**, we will be using recycled materials to make our own sculptures whilst discovering the work of Josh Gluckstein.
- For **PSHE**, we will be looking at what it means to belong to a community, then later in the term, we will be furthering our understanding of misinformation and how to spot it.
- In **Music**, we will be continuing to learn our instrument – the Ukulele.
- Our sports in **Physical Education** this half term are dodgeball and dance.

Please note that **PE** this half term will be on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

We ask that in the interest of health and safety your children come to school wearing their PE uniform on Monday and Thursdays ONLY. As the weather is still unpredictable, please use long bottoms and jumpers/hoodies/fleeces as part of their kit. Earrings must be removed before PE, preferably at home, and hair should be tied back if long.

Children will be given set of spellings to learn each week. Reading is a key aspect in all parts of learning; we have reading sessions every day to help children continue their development in this area. Please help keep this up with their continued three reads or more at home each week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us through the school office email.

Kind regards

Mr Slaney
Class 5 Teacher