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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term.

We would like to inform you about our curriculum plan for the first half term. Year 5 will be learning about **Black History** as their topic focus this term.

Subject	Content
Maths	Topics we will be covering include place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and time. We will also be continuing to develop pupils' times table fluency to build their speed and confidence in all areas of maths. Year 5 will be using the White Rose Maths programme to continue our learning into this term.
English	The children will be following the Literacy Tree programme, basing their learning around 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein and 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly. They will be writing non-chronological reports, informal letters, formal persuasive letters, diary entries, character descriptions, biographies and news reports.
PSHCE/SEAL	The topic will be Similarities, Differences and Stereotypes . The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To identify similarities and differences between others and myself.• To understand what is meant by identity and how this can be confusing for some.• To understand how gender identity and expression might conflict with each other.• To consider how gender identity may affect someone and to recognise the different attitudes that arise from this.• To understand and recognise stereotyping.• To know how to challenge stereotypes.
Topic: History	The children will be learning about Black History as their topic focus this term. We will investigate the important roles Black people played in World War II and in the NHS, as well as learning about the different ways Black people have contributed to British culture. We will participate in a Black History Month celebration towards the end of the half term.
Art and Design	This half term, children will be learning about Installation Art . They will compare features of art installation, explore the work of Cai Guo-





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	Qiang and explore how everyday objects can be transformed into inspiring artwork. They will encounter real life problems when constructing their 3D artwork and consider the ways they can overcome these using problem solving skills.
Science	The focus in Science this half term will be Earth and Space . Your child will learn how to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system, describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth, understand that the Sun, Earth and Moon are approximately spherical bodies, and use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.
PE	Children will be learning Gymnastics this term.
RE	We will be learning about Christianity . We will be focusing on the story of Pentecost and why it is important within the Christian faith.
Music	The focus in Music is Composition Notation . The children will learn to sing with accuracy, fluency, control and expression. They will listen to a range of music, such as ' <i>Walk like an Egyptian</i> ' by The Bangles and explore how hieroglyphs are used to represent each situation within the song. They will also explore how to use pitch notation to write their own melody.

Homework:

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Literacy	<p>You can support your child at home further by reading at home with them. Their reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. When you read with your child, please write a comment in their reading record book.</p> <p>Do encourage children to sound out unfamiliar words and think carefully about the meaning of these words based on the context in which they have been used.</p> <p>By the end of Year 5, the reading speed for a child should be 150 words per minute. They will also need to know how to read with expression.</p>





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	<p><u>Reading book changes</u> Friday</p> <p>Pupils should read on MyOn for a minimum of 1 hour 40 minutes per week, completing quizzes for books they have completed.</p> <p>Grammar homework will be set weekly on IXL and should be completed by Wednesday each week.</p> <p>Pupils will also be set weekly spelling homework which should be completed and returned to school each Wednesday.</p>
Maths	<p>Maths homework will be set weekly on IXL and should be completed by Wednesday each week.</p>

Children are required to wear their PE kits to school on the relevant days. For Magnolia class, PE will be on **Thursdays**. We will be going swimming on **Mondays**, so children should ensure they have their swimming costume or trunks, swimming hat and towel.

We are looking forward to having a fantastic half term with many exciting and new topics to learn about. Should you have any questions about your child's learning this half term, please come and speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Omodara

