HAGBOURNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had an enjoyable half-term break. This term, we will be getting stuck into our first history topic of the year: The Maya. We will explore who they were and where they lived before discovering more about their houses, beliefs, hierarchy and finally find out what happened to them.

Music

For music, we will continue with our learning of the violins and cellos. Hopefully, we will be able to put together a few short pieces to perform in the last session. I will email you with more information regarding this nearer the time. If your child is taking their instrument home, please ensure it comes into school on a Monday so that it is ready for our Tuesday afternoon lesson.

PE

Monday – Tag Rugby
Thursday – Gymnastics with Mrs Lacy

Homework

Homework will continue to be checked on a Monday. Weekly spellings lists will go out on Monday and the overview of the year is also on the website on the Year 5 class page. Please also support your child to regularly practice their times tables which play a significant role in a lot of the maths we cover. Finally, reading is expected to be at least four times week. This can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines and audio books (though these can only be counted as one session each week).

Things to note

- Please remember to pack a waterproof coat every day.
- Pop an art shirt / apron into their bag for art / DT activities.
- Please check pencil cases have all the equipment they need, including glue sticks.

If you have any questions or queries please send an email or contact the school to arrange a telephone call or meeting.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Dingley and Mrs Talmage