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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school and I hope that you have all had a fabulous break. This is our new format for our curriculum letter which is designed to inform you about what your child will be learning about during the Autumn Term. I am looking forward to working with a very exciting curriculum and a hardworking year group.

This term our topics are called 'Marvellous Machines' and 'Out of this World!'

Please ensure your child has a school book bag, so that they can bring their reading book and reading diary to school each day. They will also have a peg for their coat and PE kit. As space in the cloakroom is limited, we would be grateful if P.E. kits could be kept in a small drawstring bag which fits onto the peg. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day but please can I remind you that we only allow water rather than squash or flavoured water.

#### **PE Kits:**

P.E. activities may be indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, so children need an indoor kit (black shorts and a plain white T-shirt) and an outdoors kit (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt/tracksuit) as well as pumps or trainers.

P.E. kits are kept in school until the end of half term, as P.E. times may vary throughout the year. For health and safety, children who wear earrings should have these removed on P.E. days, if they are not removed your child will be unable to take part in the P.E. lesson (teachers are not permitted to remove or tape up earrings).

P.E. days are as follows: Monday and Wednesday. Swimming for our class will commence on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and an additional letter will be sent to you in the near future, informing you of this.

Please ensure that ALL your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Children often misplace items and it is very difficult to find them if they are not labelled. In the morning, children in Years 3 to 6 will be dropped off at the bottom of the ramp on the KS2 playground where they will be greeted by either Mr Adams or Mr Cruise. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher please inform the teacher on the door and any messages will be passed on or an appointment made if necessary. At the end of the day children in these classes will collect their coats and meet adults on the playground. Year 5 pupils will be dismissed from their fire exit and years 3,4 and 6 will be dismissed from the bottom of the ramp.

### Homework:

For homework, we ask that the children read for at least 10 minutes every night, and talk about the books they are reading as this will support enjoyment, fluency and understanding. There will be a piece of English and Maths homework set every Friday and collected by the teacher the following Wednesday.

As part of our transition programme this year, I would like to invite you to come in to our new "Meet the Teacher" on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. This is an informal meeting where I would like to meet you, provide you with a bit of information about the future term and also provide you with a chance to ask me a few questions. Please don't worry if you have a child in another class, this is very much a drop in session so I anticipate that you may just want to pop in for a brief period of time.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to me. I very much look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gardner', written in a cursive style.

Mr Gardner

Year 5 Teacher

### Design and Technology

- ◆ We will be designing and making a controllable vehicle, before testing out the finished models.
- ◆ We will also be learning about and making textiles and greetings cards.

### P.E

- ◆ Games; tennis.
- ◆ Gym; dance (performance work).
- ◆ Gymnastics
- ◆ Swimming



### Science

- ◆ To understand what forces we experience in everyday life.
- ◆ We will be exploring Earth and Space, learning about Earth, the Moon and Sun.



### Computing

- ◆ To plan, create, test, develop and publish a game.
- ◆ To research, plan, develop and publish our own webpage.
- ◆ Using different forms of technology.
- ◆ Research.
- ◆ Internet safety.
- ◆ Multimedia.



### History

- ◆ We will be looking at crime and punishment throughout history, from the Ruthless Romans, to the Vicious Vikings and comparing how it has changed through time.



### English

- ◆ We are going to begin looking at classic fiction, focussing on the story of 'The Iron Man' and learning about classic, narrative and oral poetry, with a key focus on Lochnivar.
- ◆ We will also be learning about recounts and writing instructions and explanations.
- ◆ We will continue to develop our spelling, grammar and punctuation throughout the term.



### Geography

- ◆ We will be developing our map work skills, which will prepare the class to develop their orienteering skill.
- ◆ We will also develop an understanding of Geocaching.

# Marvellous Machines

### Maths

- ◆ We are focussing on:
  - ◆ Place value.
  - ◆ Addition and subtraction.
  - ◆ Mental calculations.
  - ◆ Fractions .
  - ◆ Shape positions.
  - ◆ Decimals.
  - ◆ Measurements. (Time and Mass)



### P.S.H.C.E

- ◆ We are learning about citizenship and relationships, developing our understanding of consequences to behaviour.
- ◆ We will learn about difference and diversity throughout society.



### Art

- ◆ This term we are focussing on developing our D & T learning, but we have lots of Art planned for later in the year.

# Out of this World! Year 5



### R.E.

- ◆ Our focus in RE this term, will concentrate on different values and beliefs and the impact these have on individuals. We will explore the consequences to our actions.
- ◆ We will explore peace and symbolism.



### MUSIC

- ◆ At the Movies.
- ◆ To explore the narrative structure of music, especially within films.
- ◆ To create and develop our own piece of descriptive movie music.
- ◆ Solar Systems.
- ◆ Exploring the solar system through music.

