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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that despite the short half term, Year 5 has a jam packed half term with lots of exciting learning opportunities ahead. With this in mind, I felt it was easier to send one communication with all the details on.

Reading

Our reading text for Summer 1 is 'The Last Bear.' The children will have their own copy, to be returned before the May half term. Homework will be set for chapters to read over the weekend ready for their reading lesson on Monday. Chapters will be shared in class and on google classroom. Your child is responsible in looking after these books in the same way as our school library books so that they can be enjoyed each year by the new year group.

Art Equipment

Art is a key subject for us this half term and we will be painting, please ensure your child has an old shirt or apron in their bag across this half term.

Trip to UK Parliament – Wednesday 7th May

This is a reminder that we are visiting Parliament next Wednesday. If you have not already done so, please can you sign your child up and make payment via their Arbor account. Please also note that due to the early departure time, children must be in school at **7.50am** for registration and wear full school uniform for the day.

Geography Trip to Hiltingbury Lakes – Friday 16th May

As part of our Geography Rivers topic we will be heading to Hiltingbury Lakes again to conduct stream study activities which I will lead for all classes. The classes will split into 2 sessions throughout the day, with each session lasting 90 minutes. Your child's class will be going at the time stated below:

- Maple and Hawthorn- 9.30am until 11.00am (Leaving school at 9am and returning at 11:30am)
- Ash – 10:30am – 12:00pm (Leaving school at 10am and returning at 12:30pm)

Note the second group will be given the first half of lunch back for a later return

For this trip, children can wear non-uniform appropriate for the activities. The children will need to wear a long sleeved jumper/top, long trousers. Weather dependent, a coat may be needed. In terms of footwear, children will only be allowed in the water if they are wearing wellington boots. If you do not own wellington boots, appropriate footwear to be at the lakes is advisable and the children will not get in the water and instead support with the activities from the river bank. In case they get wet during any stream activities, please could children bring spare socks, shoes and trousers to change into back at school.

We are delighted to be able to ask for some parental help on this trip; if you are able to assist, please complete this [Offer of Parental Help Google Form](#) by **Friday 9th May**. If your help is required, I will be in contact with you to confirm on Monday 12th May. Please note that consent for this trip is covered under the Annual Trip Consent form and no payment is required and so it will not appear in your child's Arbor account.

Parent Outcome – Tuesday 20th May

This half term we will have an exciting child led workshop linked to our project that we would like to invite you to. This will be on Tuesday 20th May at 9am.

We are really looking forward to these upcoming weeks.

Best wishes,

Miss Bristow

Year 5 Lead & Geography Lead

