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Dear parents/guardians,

Despite our series of short weeks and Bank Holidays, the Year 5s have made a good start on their topic this term, which is 'Be Fit, Be Green!'. Below is a brief outline of our areas of study:

- **Science:** Health and fitness; life processes; circulation and movement.
- **Geography:** Environmental change & development; recycling; reducing waste; saving energy.
- **History:** Not much history this term, as we studied an historical topic last term. We will look briefly at the history of rubbish!
- **Design Technology:** Modelling from junk/waste materials.
- **Art:** A range of art activities with a 'Be Green' theme. We will be using recycled products to produce various pieces of art.
- **Religious Education:** The significance of water in different religions (taught by Mrs Black).
- **Information & Communication Technology:** Using the internet, desktop publishing and Powerpoint presentations.
- **Music:** Rhythm and pulse. Body percussion linked to French.
- **Physical Education:** Gymnastics, Games and Swimming.
- **French:** Learning the names of body parts and word/sentence work based on Sport.

Class trip

As part of our topic I have arranged a trip to the 'Sustainability Centre' near Petersfield on Monday 20th June. I will send a separate letter about this nearer to date of the trip. In the meantime, if you want to know more about where we are visiting, check out www.sustainability-centre.org. The cost of the trip will be approximately £2 (bargain!), as we have managed to subsidise the cost through links with Chichester University. Please don't send in any money until you receive the letter about the trip!

'The Basics'

As usual, maths and literacy lessons will be taught regularly (linked to our topic work when appropriate). The children will continue with their Guided Reading sessions, as well as other opportunities to practise reading skills by reading to adults in school. When you hear your child read at home, please remember to write in the red log book. Please also encourage your child to read 'to themselves', for pleasure!

Homework

Homework will usually be set every Friday (to be returned the following Tuesday). Subject areas for homework will vary. **Please support your child by checking that their homework is completed and ready to hand in by Tuesday.** The children will also have regular spellings and times tables to learn - look out for these books in reading folders. Spelling tests will be on Mondays and tables tests will be on Tuesdays.

Personal Projects

I enjoyed reading the children's Personal Projects, which they completed last term. Thank you to all those parents who supported their child with the project. Many hours of work went in to some of the projects and the children should be proud of their achievements.

P.E. and swimming

The children will have two to three P.E. lessons per week. We will be doing gymnastics or striking and fielding games on Mondays, and Games (with the Brighton & Hove Albion coaches) on Wednesdays. These days are occasionally swapped, so **please ensure that your child has a named P.E. kit in school** each day. The kit should include suitable footwear (plimsolls or trainers) and a pair of socks. Please remember, earrings need to be removed or covered with tape for P.E. lessons. Swimming is due to start this week and our allocated slot is on Thursday mornings. **Please ensure your child has a swimming cap as part of their swimming kit**, as all children need to wear one regardless of hair length!

Bikeability course

Thank you to those parents who helped with the Bikeability Course last week. The children were praised for their good behaviour and they all worked well at improving their safe cycling skills.

I hope to see many of you at our Open Evening on 5th July, when you will have a chance to look at the work we have done this term.

As usual, if you need to speak to me, I am available before school (8.40-8.50am) Tuesdays-Fridays, or after school (3.30-3.40pm) any day but Tuesdays.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Aldren