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Dear parents/guardians,

It hardly seems possible that the Summer Term is here already. We have enjoyed the first week back at school, helped by the sunny weather and the improvements to the school grounds.

This term our topic is 'Light and Sound'; a topic which has Science and Music as its main focus. Below is an outline of what we will cover in each subject:

- **Science:** Light, Shadow, 'Sun, Earth & Moon', and Sound.
- **Geography:** weather and seasons.
- **History:** Not much history this term, as we studied a historical topic last term. We will look briefly at the history of lighting, studying artefacts at first hand.
- **Design Technology:** designing and making musical instruments.
- **Art:** A range of art activities with a 'Light and Sound' theme, using a variety of media, including sketching pencils and paint; colour mixing; light and shade.
- **Religious Education:** A brief revision of festivals of light, leading us into a comparison between Judaism and Hinduism.
- **Information & Communication Technology:** 'Logo' - controlling 'screen turtles' by giving sets of commands; using monitoring equipment to log changes in sound and light levels.
- **Music:** this will link partly with our science, looking at vibration and how musical instruments make their sound. We will also look at the parts of the orchestra and compose short pieces for our 'homemade' musical instruments.
- **Physical Education:** Swimming, Games and work for the 'youth leaders' programme.
- **French:** We will continue practising vocabulary and phrases, which will include oral work on 'sports', 'the weather', and 'time' and 'food'.

In addition, 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. I would also

expect the children to be reading for pleasure at home and making a note of it independently in their log book.

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.

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.

The children will have two or three P.E. lessons per week. This half term, on Mondays, the children are working with a representative from the School Sports Partnership, on a 'youth leaders' programme. This gives the children a chance to take on more responsibility around the school, leading pupils from other year groups in playtime sports and games. After half-term, we will be doing athletics and fielding & striking games on Mondays. Games (with the Brighton & Hove Albion coaches) will continue to be on Wednesdays. As detailed in last week's letter, Year 5 will have their swimming session on a Thursday. 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 (trainers or plimsolls) and a pair of socks. Please remember, earrings need to be removed or covered with tape for P.E. lessons.

Thank you to those parents who are helping with the Bikeability course this week. On Friday your child will bring home an assessment of how they got on. Please find time to look through this, as it will highlight any areas of cycling safety which your child needs to focus on.

I hope to see many of you at our Open Evening on 6th July, when you will have a chance to look at the work we have done this term and maybe look around other classrooms.

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