

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Year 5 Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school at the start of this term. They have been so enthusiastic and ready to learn and have adapted brilliantly to the changes we have made to ensure their safety at this time. We are just writing to you to let you know that from today we will be sending the children home with some home learning tasks. In the current climate, we have had to make some changes to the way we administer home learning so here are the key points:

- Today your child will bring home a **green Home Learning book**. This is for **Topic/Literacy** based work. This book will **stay at home** for the time being and your child can complete their home learning tasks in it.
- Our first learning task is linked to our **“Top Secret”** topic linked to our class text, **“Alex Rider: Storm Breaker”**. There are several tasks to complete so we have given you a few weeks to work on these. Please encourage your child to present this work neatly in their home learning book.
- Inside the back cover of the green home learning book is a list of the **Spelling Words** we will focus on in Term 1. Please encourage your child to practise these words at home so that they are confident with them and ready for a **test in class on a Friday**. We will be reviewing how the children are coping with these words and will give differentiated spelling words where we feel it is needed. The children can also practise these words on **Spelling Shed**.
- **Next Friday**, we will send home the children’s **blue Mathematics Home Learning books**. We will begin setting tasks on **My Maths** for them to work on at home and the blue book can be used for any working out that they need to do.
- Please record any **reading** that your child does at home by signing on the day in their **Home Contact book**. This will stay at home for the time being. Try to encourage them to read a range of texts and discuss key vocabulary.
- If your child has their own copy of the **“Storm Breaker”** text, please could they bring it to school if they have not already done so. The children are already getting very excited about what will happen to Alex Rider!

Many thanks for all your support,

Mrs Whittaker, Mrs McNeillis and Miss Aplin - Year 5 Teachers

