Dear parents,

This half term Year Five will be covering the following in class:

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| **English: We are focusing on ‘Lemony Snicket – A Series of Unfortunate Events and the poem ‘The Highwayman’ by Alfred Noyes . We will be working on:**   * Descriptive writing based on Lemony Snicket. * A diary entry from a character’s point of view * Write a short narrative based on Lemony Snicket. * A monologue from a character’s view from the Highwayman * A witness statement from and characters point of view |
| **Maths:**   * Statistics – line graphs and timetables. * Revisiting addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. * Rounding. |
| **Science:**  **Properties and changes in materials- reversible and irreversible changes**  **Separating soluble solutions-** salt, sugar, metals revised and factors affecting dissolving rates  **Irreversible changes-** water and plaster of paris, cooking egg, vinegar and bicarbonate soda, to know a gas is often produced  **Formation of new materials-** burning, where does water come from when burning a candle  **Creation and collection of Carbon Dioxide-** effervescent vitamin tablet to a beaker of water  **Iron and the cause of rust** |
| **Topic**  Ancient Greeks   1. **What can we learn about the Ancient Greeks by studying the Olympics?** 2. **What was life like for women in Ancient Greece?** 3. **Making Greek democracy come to life - a "smashing" lesson.** 4. **How could tiny Athens beat mighty Persia at Marathon?** |
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