Bridgewater Primary

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This half term we will be changing the focus of our topic work to geography and investigating what it is like to live in the shadow of a volcano in Iceland. In science, we will be moving onto forces after thoroughly enjoying our space topic. In maths, we will be continuing to follow the curriculum, starting with some more learning on multiplication and division strategies. In English, we will be reading the text Where the Poppies Now Grow and we will be learning to write cinquain poems based on Remembrance Day. Following that we will complete an English unit based on the text Cloud Tea Monkeys.

With English and their writing in mind, we would appreciate it enormously if, when your child is completing any written home learning, you could encourage them to review and correct their punctuation when they are finished. Also please check any writing homework for any non negotiable spelling words, both from previous years and the year 5 autumn term words. Thank you! Please could you also continue to encourage your child to record weekly reading and sign your child's reading record; it is lovely to see all the super books they are reading.

We have another forest school session to look forward to this half term. Quail's forest school will be on Friday 6th November and Partridge class will be going out into the woods on Friday 20th November to make Viking catapults. Please could you ensure that your child has their wellies, a waterproof and warm coat, waterproof trousers and hat and gloves in school for that day.

Here are a few useful dates for your diaries:

- Friday 6th November - Quail forest school
- Friday 13th November - Year 5 trip to Berkhamsted Art Fair
- Monday 16th November - Anti-bullying week
- Friday 20th November - Partridge forest school
- Tuesday 24th November - parent consultations
- Thursday 26th November - parent consultations
- Friday 27th November - INSET day
- Monday 30th December - occasional day
- Wednesday 2nd December - Quail assembly
- Wednesday 16th December - Christmas lunch & 'Wear Something Festive' day
- Thursday 17th December - St Mary's Carol Concert KS2
- Friday 18th December - end of term - 1pm finish

Many thanks for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Kate Majid and Alex Wilson