Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be teaching your children in Year Five. We enjoyed transition day, so we are looking forward to working with them. Mrs Grisman will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays; Mrs Uppal will teach Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

As you may know our history topic will be the Battle of Britain and World War II. Our science focus will be ‘Healthy Living’, looking primarily at the circulatory system, as well as diet, exercise and the effect of drugs on our bodies. Balcarras have agreed to provide us with the opportunity to observe the dissection of a heart and lung. A curriculum leaflet is attached.

We appreciate all your continuing support with their learning. To this end, please continue to support your child at home in the following ways:

* **Multiplication tables** – are essential Speedy tables = speedy maths. It is especially useful for children to know the stations ie **6 x 7** = 42
* **Reading** – a regular routine of reading daily has numerous benefits. Even if your child is a fluent reader, please continue to hear them read and discuss their reading on a regular basis.
* **Spellings** – due to Mrs Grisman on Mondays.
* **Maths** – due to Mrs Uppal on Wednesdays.

Now that the class are upper juniors, we are encouraging them to take increased responsibility for their equipment. If they haven’t already, they will need a pencil case. We will issue basics as needed, but they will doubtlessly enjoy creating their own quirky collection of colouring materials. Children will need **PE kits in school, on Mondays and Thursdays**. We will finish our week at Forest School, on **Fridays**. Please ensure that you child has a **waterproof coat, wellies and warm, old clothes**; we will get mucky – that’s a promise! Waterproof trousers are a bonus.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us if there are any queries or concerns. We look forward to a highly successful and exciting year ahead.

Best wishes,

Tracey Uppal and Nicola Grisman