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Grow Together Shine Forever

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 5/6 children,

Our topic for the first half of the Spring Term is called ID.

On the first day back after Christmas, Thursday 3rd January, Year 5 and 6 will have their Hook Day. This will include a visit from a detective sergeant (coming up with some questions to ask over the holidays would be great!), taking the role of a witness or an investigator to write witness statements and carry out interviews, collect and present data; the children will aim to find the culprit of the crime! Normal school uniform is required for this day.

During this half term, we're going to find out what makes us the people we are. We'll consider what traits and features give us our identity. We'll learn about branching databases and how to create a classification system. Then, we'll gather data about physical features, make spreadsheets and look for patterns. After investigating fingerprints and genetic characteristics, we'll design clothing that reflects our personality.

This project will make us think about our identities, personalities and how we are unique. The children could interview a member of the family to find out about their strengths, likes and dislikes. You could also work together to make a collage of clothing that reflects who you are. Alternatively, use technology to create a word cloud/wordle all about you ready to add to our displays in January.

Here is a list of books the children might be interested in reading:

You will receive a Maths, English and topic lessons overview separately.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Beech, Mrs Gray and Mr Brooks
Year 5 and 6 teachers

Title	Author
Bill's New Frock	Anne Fine
Twelfth Night (A Shakespeare Story)	Andrew Matthews
Solve a Crime (You do the Maths)	Hilary Koll and Steve Mills
The Secret of Platform 13	Eva Ibbotson
Alone on a Wide Wide Sea	Michael Morpurgo
The Boy in the Dress	David Walliams
The Accidental Secret Agent	Tom McLaughlin
The Usborne Official Detective's Handbook	Various authors
Fingerprint Wizards	Steve Parker
The Usborne Complete Book of the Human Body	Anna Claybourne
The Usborne Introduction to Genes and DNA	Anna Claybourne
The Story of You	Anna Claybourne

