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Dear parents / carers of Year 5 children,

I am writing to you to inform you of some alterations to the Year 5 timetable following half term. As you know the children receive a very broad and balanced curriculum, packed with fourteen different subject lessons each week. This includes two modern foreign languages and a wide variety of humanities subjects. This is something that we are very proud of at Avalon and which makes our provision stand out from other local schools.

Our aim, over the next term and a half, is to positively support the children as much as we possibly can, in their preparations for their secondary school assessments. In order to do this, and in consultation with the Governors, we propose to have an alternating curriculum for the remainder of Year 5.

In essence, this would mean that Year 5 would study French or Spanish alternately each half term and similarly History and Geography would be studied in a block of alternating half term topics, rather than all of these subjects being taught simultaneously, as they currently are. This will release further curriculum time, on a temporary basis, to provide opportunities for additional preparation sessions for the secondary school assessments, without narrowing the children's experiences of a rich curriculum.

These additional sessions will support the children to further develop their speed of processing skills and other competences that are required in the run up towards the assessments. The morning and after school VR clubs will continue to run as normal and we will provide details of further sessions available at the end of the summer break.

If you have any queries or comments regarding the above proposals, as always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Ashton to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher