

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I really hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and the children feel refreshed ready for an exciting but challenging year in Class 5. I'd like to say a huge thank you, to all of you, on behalf of Miss Harrold and I, for your kindness and generosity with your end of year gift vouchers - it was completely unexpected and we were really taken back by your thoughtfulness, so thank you so very much!

This term our value is 'Generosity' and worship time in school will focus on this. We will be starting this year with a whole-school topic around diversity; focusing on the diversity of cultures and societies and the contributions of different cultures to our lives. We will also be considering human rights, power and governance.

In English this term, we will be reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick which I know the children will absolutely love! We will be learning about the use of more advanced punctuation, as well as using a dictionary and thesaurus to uplevel writing. We will be looking at a range of text types including descriptive writing and diary entries. In Maths, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. Our Geography topic for this half term is 'What is climate? What is weather?' and the children will be learning about greenhouse gases, carbon footprints, fossil fuels and how we can affect climate change. In Science we will be studying SC1 skills and experimental Science as well as forces and magnets.

Miss Harrold is our wonderful class Teaching Assistant, who will be in class every morning and she already knows the children exceptionally well. She will also be teaching the children PSHE and Art on Tuesday afternoons when I am out of class during my Deputy release time. Mr Tanner will be teaching PE on Wednesday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit (navy blue shorts/skorts, joggers and house colour top only please).

Home Learning

This year, we have streamlined homework focusing on spellings, reading daily and maths. Homework will go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday**. The first homework of the term will go out next Wednesday 8th September.

Maths

For Maths home learning, children are expected to complete the task set; this will be related to the work the children have learnt in lessons.

Reading

Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 15-20 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you.

Spellings

We will be testing children on weekly spellings every **Friday**. The spellings will be posted on Showbie each week and will be linked to Y5/6 spellings. We are continuing with our Ed Shed subscription this year so the children can use this platform to practise their spellings.

General Reminders

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 5th October, Tuesday 16th November and Tuesday 7th December.

Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit! ☺

Class Assembly: We will be hosting our Class 5 Assembly to parents on Tuesday 5th October from 9-9.30am. If you can, please join us to hear all about what the children have been learning about!

Mr Hockaday