

Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I really hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and the children feel refreshed and ready for an exciting but challenging year in Class 5.

Mrs Lang and Mrs Dickson are our wonderful class Teaching Assistants, who already know the children exceptionally well. Mr Tanner will be teaching Class 5's PE on Thursday afternoons so please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit (navy blue shorts/skorts, joggers and house colour top only please). However, please note that for the Autumn term (apart from this week) Class 5's PE will be swimming which will begin on **Thursday 15th September (more information about swimming will be sent out by the office)**. On Fridays, Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching the class Maths and English as normal when it is my Deputy release time. She is a brilliant teacher who is really excited about working with Class 5 one morning a week this year.

This term our value is 'Wisdom and Hope' and worship time in school will focus on this. We will be starting the academic year with a two-week, whole-school topic based on the book 'It starts with a Seed' and linking this to ourselves and our own learning journey we are about to go on this year. We will be considering diversity and the contributions of different cultures to our lives.

In English this term, we will be reading the book 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will be writing diary entries, character descriptions and stories. This term, we will carefully be looking at sentence structure and use of punctuation within our writing to make it as engaging and exciting as possible.

Home Learning

Homework this year will focus on spellings, reading 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 on **Wednesday 14th September**. Your child will bring home a Home Learning Book for the homework to be completed in.

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. The homework will be differentiated and the children can choose the level they wish to complete. Please encourage the children to challenge themselves but to also work as independently as possible.

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. The children will be able to use an online platform called Spelling Shed to practise their spellings this year. Spelling Shed is a scheme designed for pupils to practise their weekly spellings online via the use of the web link <https://play.spellingshed.com> which is free of charge and/or can be accessed via the Spelling Shed App. I will email a 'Parent Guide for Spelling Shed' and upload this to Showbie. Children will get their first set of spellings sent home on **Friday 16th September**.

Showbie

Once again, we will be using Showbie to communicate information for parents including spellings, newsletters etc. To join the Class 5 Showbie page, please enter the code: **TF7AE**.

General Reminders

Forest School sessions: Wednesday 7th September, Tuesday 4th October, Wednesday 9th November, Wednesday 16th November and Wednesday 23rd November.

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

Mr Hockaday