



Dear parent/ carers.

Welcome back Class 5! I hope you all had a refreshing half term. We've got lots of exciting things planned for the term - so children, get your learning caps on! I look forward to seeing you all again this term during parents' evening, where we can evaluate your children's progress so far and decide the next steps in their learning. If you have any queries or concerns before then, or would like to help out in class, please feel free to come and speak to me!

Miss Horner

## Important Information

### Homework

Homework will be give out on a Monday and shall be returned on a Friday, completed.

This will usually be:

1. Spellings and Grammar
2. Arithmetic

In addition to this it is expected that children will be reading **most days**- out loud, when possible.

Year 6 children will also be receiving some revision material in preparation for the SATS.

### P.E

P.E will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please encourage your children to ensure they have all of the necessary items they need. This term we will be focussing on gymnastics and SAQ skills.

### SATS

SATS weeks commences on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. SATS Booster will start on the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> January. We have started early in order to give your children the best preparation for the new tests in May.

### Computing

Our focus for computing this term will be programming and controlling devices, which

### R.E.

Our topics for this term are:  
Mission, Memorial and Sacrifice.

During lent, it would be wonderful if you could pray with your children, reflecting with them upon the sacrifice and gift that Jesus gave to us.

### Literacy

For literacy we shall be looking at a variety of text forms, including: recount writing, play writing and balanced arguments.

We shall be using a Shakespeare play as a focus and we will be doing a variety of different writing tasks based upon the text.

Reading is a major focus at the moment in Class 5 and we shall be doing a variety of comprehension activities across the curriculum.

We will also be looking more closely at Grammar conventions in preparation for the New Grammar expectations and SAT tests in May.

### Art and Design

We will continue to look at a variety of art styles – this term focussing

### **Science**

The topics for this term are Forces, Living things and their Habitats. We will be looking closely at the forces at work in our planet, including gravity and air resistance. We will also be looking at animal classification and life cycles in the second half of this term.

### **Music**

Guitar and brass will continue as usual on a Wednesday so please ensure that your child brings their instruments.  
This term we will be continuing to focus on the BBC ten pieces, with a mini composition project using the pieces as a stimulus. .

### **Design Technology**

DT will be linked to our biology science topic, creating a 3D structure including some form of lever or cam.

### **Geography**

We will be looking at Europe: landscapes, human and physical features and locating prominent locations on a map using grid references.

### **Maths**

This term there will be a focus on application of skills as this is an area of weakness for most children. If you could encourage the use of mathematical vocabulary at home this would be an advantage.

Due to the changes in the testing procedures, we will also be doing a big push on written methods.

We will be practising SATS on a regular basis and extra work for year 6 will be starting to be sent home in preparation for the new

### **MFL**

Miss Duggan will continue to deliver Spanish to the class on a fortnightly basis, with Miss Horner going over the learning in the alternate week.

### **History:**

We will be doing a short historical enquiry into the Ancient Mayans.

Let's make this half term a great term!  
Miss Horner.