

Hello to everyone and a very warm welcome to Year5!

We hope that the following list will help you to become a little more familiar with Year 5. Although a busy year, it is an exciting one, with lots of motivating topics which your child will explore. We will begin the Autumn Term with a **Geography topic on North America**. Your child will explore the physical and Human Geography of this vast Continent, whilst also revising and extending their knowledge of map work.

The **Science** topic for the Autumn term is **Forces in Action**. We will explore the forces of gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. The children will develop their working Scientifically Skills with practical investigations. In addition, the children will also find out about Sir Isaac Newton and how his discoveries have contributed to Science and to the World around us.

**ICT** will allow the children to explore the art of blogging and revise the importance of internet safety.

**R.E.** Your child will begin to look at how symbols are used to communicate ideas, firstly in the world around us, then in the Bible, drawing out their biblical relevance.

**P.E.** In 5W, the children will be learning hockey skills on a Thursday morning. The children will need both indoor and outdoor P.E. kits. We go out in the coldest of weather! Shin pads are a requirement for this lesson and a gum shield highly advisable please!

In 5B, the children will be improving and learning new dance skills and routines on a Wednesday afternoon. The children will require indoor P.E. kits for this activity.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given out on a weekly basis, usually on a Thursday or Friday and is due back by the following Wednesday.

### **Reading books**

Your child will, as in other years, be given a school **reading book**. We cannot stress how important it is for your child to read **regularly** at home and for them to talk to you about the book: what they liked/disliked/ what the characters were like/what happened in the story/etc and note in their reading record book (which will be looked at weekly, during Guided Reading sessions), any thing that you wish for us to know.

It is a well proven fact that children who receive reading support in the home, from parents or carers, develop their reading skills and a love of books *much* faster than those children who do not receive this support. If you have aspirations for your child...hear them read daily!

That seems a lot of information, but if you have any queries about homework, or indeed about anything else, please make an appointment and come and see one of us. We look forward to a successful and exciting journey through the year ahead with your child.

Mrs Walton & Mrs Bowmar

