



## Welcome to the Autumn Term Mr Tallant & Miss Eyre



We hope you have had a fantastic summer and are now ready to start the New Year. We are looking forward to working together as a class to get stuck into all of our exciting topics this year. We look forward to working with both you and your children throughout the year!

### Year 5

Our first topic for Year 5 is "Wot abart 1066?" It all started when Mr T's puppy Max, dug up some old swords in the holidays. After sending them off for inspection, Mr T received replica copies of the relics a few weeks into the term. We decided that Year 5 would become Historians and discover everything there is to know about 1066 by using reliable sources of information. We will also recreate the Bayeux Tapestry, so we will be developing our sketching, shading and painting skills. To celebrate the work created, we will be inviting parents/carers into school towards the end of the term.

### Homework

Weekly expectations for homework are that children are practising their weekly spelling rules, practising times tables and reading. Children all now have access to various apps to support these, which are Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars. If children cannot access these at home, they can attend homework club, which takes place every Wednesday dinnertime. Children may also be sent home extra homework if either Mr Tallant or Miss Eyre feel it is necessary to consolidate learning.

### Reading Logs

In Year 5, we expect that all children are reading a minimum of 3 times a week but the expectation would be 5 times each week. Reading daily will help your child to extend their vocabulary, understand different texts and instil a general love for reading! The expectation for Year 5 is that all children take responsibility for their own reading, by filling in the reading log themselves and then getting another adult just to sign it.

### Homework diaries

Homework diaries should be in school every day and must be signed by a parent every week. Class teachers check homework diaries in Year 5 every Monday, to make sure all have been signed but also filled daily in by the children. We expect that children take responsibility to fill in any homework they receive and to ensure a parent/carer signs it.

### General Reminders...

- PE days will be set by the class teacher however this may change so it is important that every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). It is easier for them to bring it on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. They need to be in school for Special Assembly on Friday when we sit in our house colours. Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- Children need to line up in the playground in the morning when the bell goes. Staff will be outside for a short time to answer any questions should you have any.