



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break. I am very lucky to be teaching many of the children in Antarctica for the 2nd time and I look forward to teaching the new additions to the class! They really are an amazing group of children and I am confident that we are going to have a fantastic year together. Mrs Cannon will be supporting us in the classroom on Mondays and then on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. On Friday afternoons, Mrs Bush will be teaching the class art and DT with the support from Mrs Kroukamp. We have an exciting year ahead of us with some fantastic curriculum units that I know the children are going to love. I look forward to working with you all this year and am extremely grateful for your continued support.

Miss Jolland 😊

### PE on Tuesdays and Thursdays

The children will have their PE sessions on a Tuesday and Thursday morning with a familiar Prestige Sports coach. As usual, please send your child in wearing their PE kit on both of the above days.

Please ensure your child has the following items clearly **labelled** to ensure nothing is lost:

White T-Shirt

Black Shorts

Trainers/socks

Black/dark grey/green tracksuit top and bottoms (outdoor wear)

**Please remember that no jewellery is to be worn during PE. I would advise that earrings are removed before school on a Tuesday and Thursday. We also ask that the children's outdoor PE kit is warm and preferably black/green/grey and remains as a PE kit rather than non-uniform.**

### Homework

Home learning will be uploaded via Showbie by the end of the day on Fridays and will be collected the following Friday. The tasks will include spelling practice, precision times tables, a maths or an English task and a knowledge organiser to revise. In addition to this, the children will be expected to practise TTRS every day during the week and read for approximately 20 minutes daily. Now that the children are in Year 5, I would really like to see them taking ownership and responsibility for completing their homework. When reading daily at home, please ensure that it is recorded by either an adult or your child in their reading records. It is so important that the children come to school with their reading books and records every day and that they are not left at home.

### Dojo

Please message me on Dojo if needed but I would be really grateful if you could consider whether the message needs to be sent to me or the office. I will do my very best to respond to your messages as soon as possible and I will endeavour to reply between 7.30am and 5.30pm.

### Our learning this term

#### Reading

We are beginning our reading lessons with the fantastic Shackleton's Journey and then will be moving onto The Secrets of a Sun King later in the term. Both of these books really dive into the beauty of such contrasting countries.

#### English

We will start by writing third person stories from another culture before moving onto writing a balanced argument, formal letters of application and poetry that uses word play.

#### Maths

In maths we will be reasoning with large whole numbers, exploring integer addition and subtraction and then moving onto multiplication and division. We will also have a weekly arithmetic test which consists of 10 questions and then we have a monthly 40 question arithmetic test in preparation for Year 6. Daily precision timetables and TTRS will also continue this year.

#### Curriculum

We are going to begin the year by learning about Ancient Greece in history and looking at UK countries in geography. In science we will be looking at properties of materials and then changes in animals and humans. Do ask your children about all of the other exciting units we are studying this term!

#### iPads

As I am sure you are all aware, children in Year 4 – 6 will be given their very own iPad that will be used to enhance their learning in the classroom, and eventually, at home. As this is new to both the teachers and the children, please bear with us whilst we find our feet using them. I will update you regarding the use of individual iPads in the upcoming weeks.