

Welcome to Year 5! I have to say that I'm already impressed by the maturity and readiness to learn that your children are showing. I can tell it's going to be a successful year! As always, there is a lot of learning to do and I'm really looking forward to getting stuck into some of the best enquiries in school. One of the team is always available at the door in the morning to answer any questions, take messages or to help where necessary. However, if you have something that you would like to discuss with me at greater length, please make an appointment to via the office. As Athletes we will have PE every Tuesday and Thursday so please remember your kits. We will still go outside in most weathers so jogging bottoms might be a good idea!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 11th September - Harvest Collection starts

3rd October – School Nurse nasal flu immunisations

4th October - NSPCC workshop for 45 and 6

W/C 16th October- Diversity Week

Friday 20th October - Diversity Week celebration

Friday 20th October - end of Term 1

HOME LEARNING

In line with our home learning policy, all learning will continue to be based on the following activities: **Daily reading and weekly spellings.** Children will also receive spellings to be practiced at home. These are handed out as a full list for the term and taught in school each week.

As **Mathematicians**, we will start to take the children deeper into understanding place value, before moving on to using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

As **Authors**, we are starting with a whole school writing unit using "The Lost Words" to create our own acrostic spells. After this we will use "The Night Bus Hero" as inspiration for instruction writing and an adventure style story.

As **Readers**, we will also study the same text and use our whole school approach to exploring and answering questions about a text.

How can science help the homeless?

As **Scientists** we will be considering how different materials can be used to help alleviate the impact of homelessness. We will think about what homeless people need, and how we could help them. The children will love the opportunity to look at ways to filter water and study different liquids and gases.

when being **Philosophers** We will sensitively discuss the problems associated with homelessness both in our country and other parts of the world.

If you have any questions or thoughts then please don't hesitate to ask.

