



Hartwell Primary School

September 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely summer break. It seems incredible that the children are now entering their penultimate year at Hartwell Primary School when it only seems like yesterday that they were entering Class R. I am looking forward to working with your children enormously and I'm ready for a fabulous year ahead. For your information, below are some important notes for each week:

- PE will happen on a **Monday** and a **Tuesday** each week so it is important that the children bring their full school PE kit every Monday.
- On **Tuesdays** a list of spellings will be sent home to learn. These will follow class based activities that reinforce both letter patterns and their use within a written piece. Spellings will be tested the following **Tuesday**.
- Times tables tests will be on **Fridays**; some children will be set a 'focus' times table to carefully learn for a timed test the following **Friday**. Improving times on the league table will follow for those who are members of the 144 club!
- In addition to the above, two pieces of homework will usually be set from either Maths, Literacy or Science; this will be consolidation work based on the work we have studied in class. This homework will generally be sent home on a Wednesday and a Thursday.
- Homework books will need to be in school Tuesday to Thursdays.

Children will *always* be given a week in order to complete homework tasks so feel free to come and ask any questions should you need to.

It is important to remember that reading is still of vital importance in Year 5 so please encourage your child to read regularly, Reading should be carefully recorded in home/school diaries at least **four** times a week. It would also be super if you could encourage your children to enter any exciting words they may find from their reading books into their language books. These words can then be used to enhance the children's written work.

Important dates for your diary are:

Thursday 8th November at 9.30pm - Class 5 assembly

Wednesday 2nd November- Class trip to Holdenby House (a WW2 evacuee costume will be needed for the day)

I look forward to what will be a great year with lots of exciting learning and fun and a year where we will enjoy seeing your children achieve their very best.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S McCulloch
Class teacher