



Hartwell Primary School

September 2017

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 the homework activities that I will set the children each week:

- On **Mondays** 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 **Monday**.
- 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.

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, the comprehension of these texts being of particular importance. 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 9th November at 2.30pm - Class 5 assembly

Wednesday 4th October - 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. Please keep an eye on the school blog to see the things your children are up to in school and encourage them to post their comments on a regular basis.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S McCulloch
Class teacher