



*Aim High, Fly High*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely Christmas break and your child is raring to go in this short and important term.

Our topic this term is 'East Anglia & the River Cam.' Your child will learn about the region in which we live and where it is in the British Isles. Children will also investigate how the land is used and study different types of farming. We hope to make our own local seasonal vegetable soup as a class too. In addition, we will be looking at the work of Frank Auerbach in art lessons.

More information on our topic can be found on the Year 5 Topic Overview. We will be studying 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick in our English lessons this half-term. Due to our focus on outdoor learning as a school, please ensure your child has a suitable coat for being outside in all weathers.

This term's PE lessons will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (plain white/black/navy t-shirt, joggers or shorts, trainers and normal school jumper). Children are welcome to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack to eat during morning playtime. We encourage children to bring a named bottle of water to drink during the day. Children are permitted to have a small, clear pencil case this year and are encouraged to bring a small set of felt tips and colouring pencils into school.

Home learning will be given out at the beginning of each half term in the same way as last term. Each chosen piece from the **optional** home learning grid must be completed in their home learning book and handed in on Wednesdays.

In addition, children will be given **compulsory** weekly spellings, which will be tested every Thursday, and times tables to learn, which will be tested every Tuesday. To support your child in learning these essential facts and spellings, they have access to Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed, both of which they should play as often as possible.

Your child should read regularly at home. Children will also be given **compulsory** Guided Reading home learning each week and this must be returned on Mondays via Starz.

You can keep up-to-date with important events and updates via the school website and the Airwaves newsletter. If you have any queries, please contact the office who will pass on the message to me. I will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

Best wishes,

Miss Emma Hobbs