

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back! We 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.' 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 will end the topic with a river study. To support our learning, we hope to visit The Museum of East Anglian Life on Wednesday 12th February and making soups week commencing 3rd February. We would be very grateful for parent helpers the afternoons of this week. In addition to our topic, the children will be rehearsing for our KS2 production in March, where they (as Year 5s) will take on the lead roles!

This term P.E. will remain on Wednesdays but please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit in school all week and, because the weather is still cold, please ensure that your child has adequate kit for outdoor sport as well as for indoor P.E. Children also participate in the 'daily mile' so you may wish your child to have trainers in school each day to change into.

Home learning will be given out at the beginning of each half term in the same way as last term. In response to the survey taken at parents evening, the home learning grid will now be optional. However, spellings, Times Tables Rockstars and Guided Reading will still be compulsory. Guided Reading home learning must be returned on the day the children have their Guided Reading group session.

You will be invited to attend a Year 5 learning cafe this term (more details to follow), which will allow the children to share their maths learning and methods with you. You can keep up-to-date with other important events and updates via the school website and the Airwaves newsletter.

If you have any questions, concerns or if you can offer any time to support learning in class, please either pop in at the end of a school day (before school is an extremely busy and important preparation time) or make an appointment to see me via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hobbs