



*Aim High, Fly High*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday! I am really looking forward to this final term with Hawks as we have many exciting things coming up.

Our topic this term is 'Crime and Punishment'. Your child will learn about the location of North America as well as the names of some states and key cities. Children will learn about Martin Luther King, Dick Turpin, slavery and prison reforms. In art lessons, they will be exploring collage techniques and evaluating the work of Dale Devereux-Barker. We will be studying 'Holes' by Louis Sachar in our English lessons this half-term.

More information on our topic can be found on the Year 5 Topic Overview. 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). Also, over the summer term, we will be having swimming lessons too on a **Friday** morning. These 6 lessons are split across the two half-terms so please ensure your child has their swimming kit with them every week if possible (just in case). We have 2 lessons before half-term and 4 after half-term.

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.

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. I expect children to have practised these spellings/times tables at least 3 times. 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.

I look forward to you continuing to work with me to help your child to have a great summer term.

Best wishes,

Miss Emma Hobbs