What we are covering this term:

Literacy: Talk for Writing; non-chronological reports; recounts; modern fiction; and books from our Literary Heritage
Maths: Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
Science: Friction and Resistance
Creative Curriculum: Our Foundation Subjects will be inter-woven into our topic question: 'What lies beneath the Waves of the Ocean?'



Our class novel in Term 2 will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo

Resources needed from home:

Please read regularly with your child at home. Frequent and enjoyable sessions with you, where you check your child understands the events in the story, will make a significant difference to their long term development.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to us on the school yard at 3.15 pm or make an appointment at the office.

Thank you for your continued support.



Key Dates:

Term Dates: Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April

Half Term: Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February

Parents' Evenings: Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March

> **Teacher Training Days:** Monday 7th January Friday 5th April

Termly Trip: Newbiggin-by-the-Sea Thursday 18th March (TBC)

Organisation

Children are allowed to enter school from 8.45 am and must be in their classroom by 8.55 am.

Lunch Time: **12.00pm until 1.00pm** (home dinners return at 12.55pm).

Home Time: **3.15pm** when children are led to the yard by their teacher.

P.E. Day: Wednesday

P.E. Kit Needed: T-shirt, black shorts, black tracksuit and trainers. Children should not wear jewellery. A Wingrove PE T-shirt is available to purchase from the office.

Uniform – All children are expected to wear a white shirt or polo shirt; grey, black or navy trousers or skirt and tights; a red or blue sweatshirt and plain black school shoes. Headscarves, if worn, should be shoulder length and either plain black, blue or red. Selected items can be purchased from the school office.

Classroom Rules

- Treat people as I wish to be treated
- Mistakes are fine as long as we are trying our best
- Listen to the person talking
- Respect the classroom environment
- Always be courteous
- Always be honest

The Year 5 Team

The members of our teaching team are: **Phase Leader**: Ms West **Class teachers**: Mr Barker Ms McCarthy

> Support staff: Mr MacLeod Mrs Ahmad

Homework

Frequent reading for pleasure and understanding is an essential homework and has long-term benefits such as expanded vocabulary, enhanced comprehension, developing imagination and thus improving ideas for writing in school.

Homework is project-based and will be linked to our creative curriculum questions. It may require children to research a topic and then present their findings. Children are encouraged to take pride in the presentation of their homework. It should be wellpresented. Children usually have 2-3 weeks to complete project tasks.

Maths homework may be computer-based using Mathletics. The children's passwords from previous years should still work. If you require a Mathletics password update, please ask.

In addition, we also expect the children to practise spellings and multiplication tables at home, on a regular basis.

If your child is a free reader here are some suggested authors:

Michael Morpurgo, Clive King, Elizabeth Laird, Beverly Naidoo, Anne Fine, Malorie Blackman, Phillip Pullman.