## What we are covering this term:

Literacy: non-chronological report; letter from a character's perspective; recount; setting description; balanced argument; modern fiction; and books from our Literary Heritage Maths: multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; perimeter and area; statistics
Science: materials and their properties; friction and resistance
Creative Curriculum: our foundation subjects will be inter-woven into our topic question:
'Can conflict ever be positive?'


Our class novel for term 2 will be
'Lexters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.

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.


## Key Dates:

Term Dates:
Monday $8^{\text {th }}$ January - Thursday $28^{\text {th }}$ March
Half Term:
Monday $19^{\text {th }}$ February - Friday $23^{\text {th }}$ February
Parents' Evenings:
Tuesday $19^{\text {th }}$ and Wednesday $20^{\text {th }}$ March

## Termly Trip:

TBC

## 5AW Class Assembly:

Friday $9^{\text {th }}$ February
Thank you for your continued support.

## Organisation

Children are allowed to enter school from 8.35am and must be in their classroom by 8.45am.

## Lunch Time: 12.00pm until 1.00pm

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

## P.E. Day: Thursday.

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

## Forest School: Thursday.

Children are allowed to come to school in their forest school clothing: they must wear wellingtons, tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt/hoodie, hat, scarf and gloves
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 Wingrove 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.

## Seven Golden Promises

- We treat people and all living things with care and understanding
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- We speak with kindness, as calling names can upset or hurt others
- We take good care of our own belongings and those of others
- We look after our school and equipment to keep it clean, tidy and safe
- We welcome difference and promote lasting friendships
- We can stand up in support of someone who needs a friend.


## The Year 5 Team

The members of our teaching team are:
Phase Leader: Ms West
Class teachers: Ms Sweet
Miss Watling
Support staff: Mrs Withycombe
Miss Alderson

## Homework

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

Spellings will be given weekly and tested on Friday. The children have membership to Spelling Frame (https://spellingframe.co.uk). Please ensure they practise their spellings online. They will be given maths homework on Mathletics each Friday to be completed by Friday. Homework can also be 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 well-presented. Children usually have 4 weeks to complete project tasks.

Maths skills and times table knowledge should also be practised and consolidated using Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars. The children's passwords from previous years should still work. If you require a Mathletics password update, please ask.

