



10th September 2021

Dear Year 5 Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Hawley Primary School and welcome to Year 5! I hope that you and your families have had a fantastic summer and that you are all ready for a new school year. The children have settled into being Upper Key Stage 2 pupils very well and I know we are going to have a superb year ahead of us.

Year 5's 'Meet the Teacher' session will be held on Zoom on **Thursday, 16th September at 4.00 pm**. A Zoom invitation will be emailed to you separately.

The topic we are studying this term is 'Who was here before us?' It will provide the pupils a fantastic opportunity to understand how London and Britain has been formed by the people that lived here many years ago. In the first half of the term we will be focussing on Roman Britain, with the second half centred around learning about London during WW2.

In **English** we will be working on our writing skills to write stories, newspaper articles, recounts, persuasive speeches and poems. These will be based on Julia Edwards's *Leopard in the Golden Cage*, Paul Dowsell's *The Roman Record*, Emma Carroll's *Letters from the Lighthouse* and real-life recounts and events in the news. We will also be working on improving our grammar, punctuation, handwriting and spelling.

In **Maths** we will be working on our understanding of place value, calculating addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, statistics and measurement (perimeter and area). We will also be developing our problem-solving skills by completing investigations and challenges.

In **Science**, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials. We will work on our scientific skills by completing exciting investigations, recognising the importance of fair tests and how to collect data.

In **Geography**, we will be taking our topic and discovering the effects on Human geography, particularly the types of settlement, range of land use and the trade links formed. We will be building upon our knowledge of using atlases and digit mapping to map out the ancient city of Londinium. Finally, we will focus on the importance of the Thames and how it was integral during both Roman Britain and WW2.

In **History**, we will be dividing our topic over both half terms. In our first half term, we will be discovering about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Across our lessons we will find out about the importance of the Thames, the resistance the Romans faced (particularly surrounding Queen Boudicca), the Celts that they met and the long-lasting impact that the Romans have left us. During the second half term, we will research the impact of WW2 on London, understand the use of propaganda, the role of women and children, evacuation, and rationing.

In **Art and DT** we will be discovering Ancient Roman foods and art, looking at pictures of London

painted by a range of artists, propaganda posters and Henry Moore sketches. The pupils will use their sketchbooks to record observations throughout.

In **Computing**, we will be using laptops and iPads to help us research our topic, complete coding activities and continue to understand the importance of online safety.

In **RE** we will be learning about Christianity, Judaism and the range of celebrations and holidays that are observed across the world. This will have links to **PSHE** in which we will be working on respecting our differences, as well as healthy living and our own mental health.

Year 3 will have **PE** sessions on **Tuesday** afternoons and **Thursday** mornings. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the appropriate clothing and footwear in school for these lessons as they will not be changing before or after.

Through **Guided Reading**, pupils will be completing whole class reading lessons where we will be developing our comprehension and reading skills with a range of texts. The children will have opportunities to build upon their love of reading and will also be introduced to new and exciting genres and authors. It is integral that the children continue to read at home for pleasure.

Home Learning

Every **Friday** your child will be given homework via Google Classroom. Each week will include 3 tasks, taking 20 minutes each (literacy, maths and topic). Please participate in their homework but allow the child to take the lead, assisting only if they need explaining/clarification or need something reading. If there is ever a need for clarification or you are having trouble accessing the content, please let me know and I will be more than happy to support.

Homework is due back the following Thursday.

Included in this homework will be spellings taken from the statutory Year 5 and 6 words to learn. We will be having a test every Friday on these words.

Every day the class will complete a particular times table challenge. Each week the times table changes with a test completed on the Friday. Please see google classroom to find which times tables we are working on that week.

Punctuality

Please remember that children should be entering the school at 8.50am each morning.

Important dates

Thursday 16th September = Meet the teacher Zoom

Monday 27th September = Year 6 France 2022 residential trip talk at school

Visits and workshops this term:

Imperial War Museum	To be confirmed
Jewish Museum	To be confirmed
Hampstead Heath	To be confirmed
City Learning Centre	To be confirmed
Museum of London	21 st October 2021

Kind regards,

Mark Benjamin