



Dear Year 5 Parents/ Carers,

Hello and welcome back to a new term at Hawley.

Our topics for this term are **The Windrush Child and Sayers Croft** and we will be learning lots about identity and belonging. Wherever possible, our topic will be covered through cross curricular teaching and learning so that we can make meaningful links across the curriculum.

In English, we will be using high-quality texts linked to our topic, which will inspire a range of creative and non-fiction writing. The first text we shall be focusing on is Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephania. We will also be using a lot of drama, role-play and discussion to explore the ideas and to support our writing. Our grammar objectives will be embedded within our English lesson whilst spelling strategies and handwriting will be taught in separate lessons each week.

In Maths, we will be extending our understanding of the number system and place value to include larger integers. We will spend time making connections between multiplication and division with fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio. We will be working on ways to reason and problem solve calculations in different contexts.

In Science, we will be learning all about forces: gravity, resistance and friction and forces in levers, pulleys and gears. After half term we will explore human development and puberty. We will develop our scientific skills further by completing exciting investigations and link these to our topic.

In Art we will be exploring self expression through the world of self-portraiture. We will look at renowned artists throughout history and experiment with various creative methods to capture their unique identities on paper.

In PSHE, we will learn about nutrition, healthy life choices, tackling stereotypes and the importance of feeling valued. We will take a closer look at our Hawley values and further embed them into our daily routines at school.

For computing we will be learning about computing networks and revisit internet safety.

Year 5 will now have PE sessions on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. We will cover both netball and cross country this term. We will continue to run a regular daily mile. There will be one more week of swimming from the 16th - 20th October.

We are very excited about our upcoming brass lessons. Please ensure your child remembers to bring their instrument in every **WEDNESDAY**. The children have already had a go on the brass instruments and many already sound like confident music makers. Please encourage them to practice at home regularly.

It is essential that the children bring a water bottle into school **every day**.

Your child will continue to receive homework via Google classrooms every Thursday to allow them to share with you some of their school learning. Homework is due back on the following Thursday. The children should be increasingly independent in making sure their homework is completed and handed in on the correct day.

Visits and workshops this term:

Friday 29th September: Cross Country

MONDAY 18th SEPTEMBER: Parent's meeting. Lucy's classroom.

Wednesday 27th September - Brass Lessons begin

Friday 29th September - Camden Cross Country Event - Packed lunch required

Tuesday 10th October - CLC

Mon 16th Oct - Fri 20th Oct - Swimming

Monday 30th October - National Portrait Gallery

Mon 6th November - Weds 8th November - Sayers Croft

Weds 13th December - National Portrait Gallery

Warmest,

Lucy, Rada, Clare and Kelsie
Y5 Team