Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! I hope you have had a fantastic summer. I am delighted to be taking this class through their next year at Dormansland, and what a busy, but exciting year we have in store.

During the course of the year we aim to encourage the children to become more independent, taking on greater responsibility for their personal organisation and learning. As part of this, your child will each be issued with a personal homework/reading diary in which they can record important events and keep a log of their reading.

As reading is such an important skill, it still needs to be supported and encouraged throughout Year 6 so please continue to encourage your child with reading at home every day. It would be fantastic to include non-fiction as well as fiction, including newspapers. ‘First News’, which comes out weekly, is especially written for children and is an excellent introduction to newspapers. I am also happy to provide a list of authors and book titles should you wish for guidance.

On our class webpage is our Autumn terms learning map which shows the areas we are covering until Christmas. We will beginning the year with a topic entitled ‘Water Water Everywhere.’ As part of this topic we shall be looking at Rainforests around the world and the important roles that they play. Please do send in anything of interest relating to any of our work this term.

PE this term is on a Monday and Wednesday. PE on a Wednesday will usually be outside so as the weather gets colder the children will need track suit/jogging bottoms in school. Please ensure all PE kit is named. It is important that your child has suitable footwear and girls who wear tights must have a pair of socks kept in their PE bag to wear with their trainers.

Many thanks for your continuing support, and if you have any further queries or questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Cook