Welcome to the Spring Term in Class 4/5
Class Teacher – Miss Hudson  Teaching Assistant – Mrs Morrish
If you have any questions, please ask. We are available after school.

Start of the day:
This involves spelling sessions, reading activities, a punctuation and grammar teaching session or opportunities to polish and improve on work from the previous day.

Being on time is so important to your child’s progress. Ten minutes late every day is equivalent to nearly an hour a week of lost learning!

Our topic this term is ‘Historic Hereford’. This is a child-led topic and the attached information explains how your child contributes to leading their own learning. We have already begun to focus on The Victorians and that similarities and differences there are between their schooling methods and ours. We will also be learning about how the landscape of Hereford has changed over time since the Victorian era. An overview of this term’s learning is enclosed with this letter. We are looking forward to an exciting term. Please follow us on Twitter @ThomasCantlupe to keep track of our learning!

Homework
Reading - Your child will continue to have a reading record alongside their reading books. Please add comments detailing how well they recognised words on sight, their fluency and their understanding of the story whenever possible as sometimes children read differently in different environments.

Reading at least three times a week with your child is so important.

Weekly Spellings – These will be sent home with your child on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Maths – To begin the term we will be building on our knowledge of numbers up to one million so counting at home in different multiples will support your child’s learning. We will also be applying this learning to multiplication, division and fraction work. We continue to subscribe to TT Rock Stars and this should be used regularly at home to practise times tables. Your child has been given a log in (which remains the same as last year) but please let me know if there are any problems with this or your child needs a reminder.

Class story - To start the term, our class story is: Street Child by Berlie Doherty.
This story links not only to our Victorian topic focus, but also to our Talk for Writing story and uses language and phrases which are perfect for helping develop our own writing.
Growth Mindset: We will be developing this concept in class, encouraging each child to build resilience and adopt the idea that learning is a journey of which they are in control.

General Notices
PE – Our school PE kit is a red t-shirt, black shorts and daps or trainers. However, black leggings or black tracksuit bottoms can be worn during the winter months. Class 4/5 will have PE every Monday (gymnastics) and Tuesday (coached football) afternoon, however, please ensure that children have their kit in school at all times as sometimes this may change, or children may have additional sessions.

Naming Uniform - Please name all uniform and PE kit, including shoes.

SIGNED L Hudson