Welcome back!
Welcome back to everybody, we hope you had a good summer holiday and are ready for the Autumn Term. Each half term we will write a newsletter, telling you about the learning for the next half term and any important dates.

Staffing

Year Leader Ms. White (Mon-Thurs)  
5S Mr Murray  
5L Mrs Mulrain (Mrs Camwell/Mrs Allen) after October half term.  
5J Mrs Durose  
Mrs Jones—Teaching Assistant

Teaching Groups

This year, the children have been put into four ability groups for Maths. For English, there is an extension set, set 1 and two parallel sets. Decisions and adjustments have been guided by last year’s progress, tests, teacher assessments and how the children performed in class on a daily basis last year. These groups will be reviewed throughout the year and you will be notified about any changes to your child’s set.

English

This half term, children will be exploring alternative fairy tales. At the end of the unit, children will be writing their own alternative fairy tale. Our focus book is: 'The Princess' Blankets'.

Extension set—Ms White (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Haden (Friday)  
Set 1—Mrs Mulrain  
Set 2 parallel—Mrs Durose  
Set 2 parallel—Mr Murray  
Mrs Jones will also be supporting within sets and with small groups.

Maths

In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fractions. We will also be looking at mental maths strategies. We actively encourage the children to continue to practise their times tables as by Year 5, the children should know all their tables and corresponding division facts in and out of order.

Set 1—Mrs Mulrain  
Set 2—Mr Murray  
Set 3—Ms White (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Haden (Friday)  
Set 4—Mrs Durose  
Mrs Jones will also be supporting within sets and with small groups.
Our topic this half term is ‘Go With The Flow.’ In Geography the children will be looking at rivers and how they are formed. We will also be going on a visit to Bewdley, where the children will complete a river side walk looking at the features of a river. We will also look at the impact of flooding as well as the children getting the chance to take part in coracle making. In Art we will be focussing on the work of Monet where the children will create their own water inspired image using impressionist techniques.

Our PSHE topic this half term is Relationships.

In Science we will be looking at Earth and Space.

PE will continue to take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, outdoor session.

In RE the children will be looking at what the story of Adam and Eve might show about human nature and how to act. They will also look at how and why Christians might pray to God, say sorry, forgive and ask for forgiveness.

In French we will be looking at the language associated with going on holiday.

During Computing lessons we will be looking at how to keep safe online and using code to create a game on Scratch.

Growing Gains Project
As part of the Healthy School Standard we will be continuing the growing and eating project for the Year 5 classes. Mr Reeve, from the organisation will deliver fortnightly sessions for each class. These sessions will take place in the classroom as well as outside in the allotment, so appropriate outdoor clothing will be required (coat and sometimes wellington boots). At the end of the school year, the children have a finale day, where they will be able to harvest, cook and eat some of the produce they have grown. This project has been running at St Laurence for several years now and has been a major success for all.

Reading: Children will be coming home with reading books regularly. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. They will be rewarded with a maximum of 1 smile per week in recognition of a minimum of 3 quality entries in their reading records. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and we ask that it is returned by the following Wednesday. We do expect children’s homework to be presented neatly. Please sign completed homework and add any comments if necessary.

Spelling will continue to be sent out and tested on Fridays and children will be encouraged to practise these whenever possible.

RWC (Repeat Work Club): Children will be expected to attend RWC if their work is not their best (this includes homework) or not enough work has been completed during the lesson. Also, if your child does not hand their homework in on time or does not complete the work, they will be expected to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on Parents’ Evening. If you have any queries or concerns before then, please come and see us.

The Year 5 Team