Welcome!
The teachers—Mrs Stirzaker, Miss Ward and Mr Murray.
We hope you had a fantastic summer, even if it seems like a
distant memory.

The children are beginning to settle into the Year 5 routines well.

English and Maths
This year, the children have been put into four ability groups for
Maths. For English, there is an extension set and two parallel sets.
Decisions and adjustments have been made 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 Great Fairytale
Disaster.

Extension set—Mrs Stirzaker
Set 2 parallel—Miss Ward
Set 2 parallel—Mr Murray
Mrs Allen will also be supporting within sets and with small groups.

Maths
In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on shape, place value
problem solving and mental and written addition and subtraction.
We will also be looking at mental maths strategies. We actively
courage 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—Miss Ward
Set 2—Mrs Stirzaker
Set 3—Mr Murray
Set 4—Mrs Allen

Dates for Your Diary

INSPIRATION DAY
Tuesday 19th September
(including planetarium visit)

GROWING GAINS
13th September
27th September
11th October

CLASS ASSEMBLIES
Wednesday 20th September
Class 5S (Mrs Stirzaker)

Wednesday 18th October
Class 5L (Mr Murray)

BREAK UP
Thursday 19th October
What is North America?

This half term our topic is **What is North America?** The children will be looking at the similarities and differences between our country and a region in North America. We will also be writing a report about North America using the information we have found out throughout the topic.

**Useful Information**

**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.

**Spellings** 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 have 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, though if you have any queries or concerns before then, please come and see us. The Year 5 Team