Welcome back!
We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half term. We cannot believe that we are already in half term 6. Before we know it, the children will be in Year 6! Where does the time go?
This half term is a particularly busy one with visits to Secondary schools, sports day and French day.
Please keep an eye out for letters coming home and return to school ASAP. As always, parental help would be appreciated.

Half Term 5 Update
Last half term, children studied a classic poem (the Highwayman) and created some fabulous work surrounding it. The children also wrote their letters to their buddies and we know they are really looking forward to meeting them this half term.

Growing Gains Update
The garden is looking fantastic at the moment thanks to the children’s hard work. We are all excited for our Growing Gains Feast in July!

This half term, Year 5 will be focusing on the modern picture book 'Flotsam.' The children will be writing their own stories using their knowledge of the book. We will be working on our comprehension skills as well as looking at cohesion within writing.

English

Maths
Work this half term will include:
- Calculations involving the four operations
- Mental arithmetic
- Each set will be addressing the relevant KPIs for their set.

In order to support the children moving into Year 6, we encourage children to continue to practice their times tables. Children should be secure in ALL of their times tables both in and out of order and answer with speed and accuracy.

Assessments
Assessment week will commence Monday 11th June. In order to prepare the children for Year 6, some of the assessments will take place in the school hall.
This half term we will be continuing our “Go with the Flow” topic.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Woodgate Valley—it was a great experience.
The children studied the features of a river up close, measured the depth of the river and even measured the flow of the river.

In music, we will be understanding what is meant by: 'pitch', 'tempo', 'duration', 'dynamics', 'structure' and 'notation.'

PE this half term will develop our skills in striking and fielding games. We will also be doing orienteering within the school grounds and participating in our annual sports day.

In Science children will be continuing their materials and their properties topic, included within this, we will be making our own bread.

In Design and Technology, we are participating in our Growing Gains Feast as well as building bridges!

RE this half term we will looking at the Gospel and deepening the children's understanding of the texts within the Bible.

Our SEAL theme is 'Changes'.

**Dates for your diary:**
- Growing Gains (every other Wednesday): 6.6.18, 20.6.18, 6.7.18 (Feast Day!)
- Turves Green Visit (morning only): 13.6.18
- Non-uniform day (children to bring in a donation for the Summer fair): 15.6.18
- Assessment Week: 11.6.18—15.6.18
- School Photographer in: 19.6.18
- French Day: 21.6.18
- Summer Fair: 22.6.18
- Bournville DT Visit (all day): 28.6.18
- Sports Day: 29.6.18
- Year 6 Transition Meeting: 2.7.18 (6pm)
- Kings Norton Boys School Visit (morning only): 3.7.18
- Move Up Day: 4.7.18
- Y6 Production: 10.7.18 and 12.7.18
- Reports Out: 13.7.18
- Disco: 17.7.18
- Open Evening for Parents: 16.7.18

We were not joking when we said it was a busy half term!!

As this is our final half term newsletter, we would like to extend our thanks to you for your support throughout the year, making it a busy, exciting and successful time. We hope you and your family have a wonderful Summer!

With our many thanks,
The Year 5 Team