Welcome back!
Welcome back to everybody, we hope you had a good summer holiday and are ready for the Autumn Term.

Staffing
Year Leader and 5L Ms Chohan
5S Mr O’Grady
5J (Mrs Mrs Allen/Mrs Camwell)
Mrs Jones — Teaching Assistant
Mrs Hamilton— Teaching Assistant

Please note the change of dates for our Woodgate Valley Trip

**INSPIRATION DAY**
Thursday 5th September.
Children to water shades of blue and green in the theme of water.

**GROWING GAINS**
Wednesdays
11th September
25th September
9th October
23rd October

**VISITORS**
Severn Trent Tuesday 1st October

**SCHOOL TRIPS**
Woodgate Valley
5L (morning of Wednesday 2nd October 19)
5J (afternoon of Wednesday 2nd October 19)
5S Thursday 3rd October 19

**Parents Evening**
22nd October 2019
24th October 2019

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**English**
This half term, children will be exploring alternative fairy tales. We will be reading ‘The Princess’ Blankets.’ We will be writing a range of genres including letters, diaries and an alternative fairy tale. In order to support their writing, children will focus on various grammar elements, these include, hyphenated words, clause structures, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions.

Extension set—Mrs Haden
Set 1—Mrs Allen/Mrs Camwell
Set 2 parallel—Ms Chohan
Set 2 parallel—Mr O’Grady

**Maths**
In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fractions and measures. We will also be looking at mental maths strategies within all of these domains.

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 Allen/Mrs Camwell
Set 2—Mr O’Grady
Set 3—Ms Chohan
Set 4—Mrs Haden
Curriculum

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 Woodgate Valley, where the children will complete a river side walk looking at the features of a river. We will then be completing a water study where we will use our maths skills to measure the depth and width of the river at different points. Later in the unit, we will study how rivers impact local areas and the effect of flooding.

In Art we will be focussing on the work of Monet where the children will create their own water inspired image using impressionist techniques. We will also have a go at creating some tie dye in the theme of water.

Our PSHE topic this half term will be ‘Being me in my world.’ This unit specifically looks at our school’s positive behaviour policy which will incorporate rights, responsibilities, rewards and consequences.

Our Science unit this half term will be looking at Earth and Space. Here the children will understand ancient beliefs of the Earth, Sun and Moon as well as how science has advanced our understanding. Children will complete investigations into shadows and understand why we have day and night. We will also be looking at the relationship of other planets in our solar system.

PE will continue to take place every week with an indoor and outdoor session. Our indoor sessions will focus on gymnastics, where we will be developing sequences co-operatively using transition movements, counter balance and counter tension poses. Our outdoor sessions will be rugby based, with a focus on developing evasion and tagging, passing and receiving and attacking and defending skills.

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 recapitulating key conversation skills. The children will use roleplay, games, songs and rhymes to build their confidence in introducing themselves with some key information. They will revise how to ask a friend how they are, as well as talking about their families, likes and dislikes.

During Computing lessons we will be looking at how to keep safe online and Using the Scratch application to develop simple algorithms for games.

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.

Things to remember...
Please ensure all of your children’s belongings and school uniform are labelled clearly with their names.

Earrings and hair accessories: Earrings should be small, plain, gold or silver studs. No hair accessories should be worn—small bobbles in keeping with the school colours are acceptable. Long hair must be tied back

School Bags:
Children need only a small book bag or school bag for school—no large or oversized back packs please (see school back packs).

Water bottles:
Children should have a named water bottle in school every day.

Outdoor PE kit:
- Yellow T shirt
- Blue shorts or track suit bottoms in winter
- Trainers
- Blue socks

Indoor PE kit:
- As above, but with black pumps instead of trainers
- Pupils will be asked to remove watches and earrings.
- If your child is unable to participate due to illness, we request that a letter is sent to the class teacher otherwise they will be expected to participate.

Medical
Please notify the office if any changes with medication and please provide 2 named inhalers if your child suffers from asthma.