Welcome back to Mrs Allen and Mrs Camwell who return from maternity leave to teach 5L. We are delighted to have you back at school!

**Staffing**
Year Leader Ms. White (Mon–Thursday)
5S Mr Murray
5L Mrs Allen Monday and Tuesday,
Mrs Camwell Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
5J Mrs Durose
Mrs Jones—Teaching Assistant

Please note Ms. White’s English and Maths sets will now be taught by Mrs Mulrain on a Friday. Mrs Mulrain’s sets will now be taught by Mrs Allen or Mrs Camwell.

**English**
We will be focusing on the fantastic book ‘Varjak Paw’ this half term.

We read the book in classes last half term so all of our English work will be drawn from the book. The children will be writing a non-chronological report and a newspaper article.

**Maths**
In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on fractions, decimals, percentages and units of measurement.

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.

**EXCITING NEWS...** School is setting up a school bank with HSBC.

Year 5 will be responsible for running the bank once a month. Representatives from HSBC will be coming into school in December, where they will discuss the jobs available with Year 5 and how they can apply for them.

**Dates for your diary**

**ASSESSMENT WEEK**
Week beginning 19th November.

**GROWING GAINS**
Wednesdays
14th November
28th November
12th December

Mr Reeve will continue delivering 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).

**Snacks**

The children have an action packed morning at school each day, completing two lessons before breaktime. Please ensure your child has a snack at breaktime to keep them alert and ready to learn.
Useful Information

Our topic ‘Go With The Flow’ will continue until Christmas. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic so far and said our trip to Bewdley was ‘the best trip ever’.

Please find use to the link below to find details of the museum below, where lots of family activities take place.

http://www.bewdleymuseum.co.uk/

In Geography the children will be looking at how to protect rivers from pollution and will be looking at rivers around the world.

In Design Technology the children will research how different bridges are made, then design and make a bridge.

Our PSHE topic this half term is getting on and falling out.

In Science we will be looking at Forces.

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

In RE the children will be looking at how Christians show their beliefs about God the Trinity in the way they live.

In French we will be looking at the language associated with eating out.

In Music we will be looking at a unit called ‘Livin on a Prayer’.

Reading: Children will be coming home with reading books regularly. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. 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.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.

The Year 5 Team

Year 5 had a great Visit from Severn Trent where we learnt lots about how to save water. There are lots of free products available to help you use less water.

Check out www.stwater.co.uk/savewater for more information.