



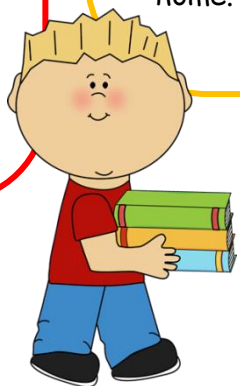
Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5! I hope that you have all had a lovely holiday and are looking forward to the term ahead. I am looking forward to working with the children this year and I am sure that they will be keen to get involved in the exciting topics that are lined up for the year ahead.

### An Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new year 5 teacher. I graduated from the University of Leicester and will be starting my NQT year. I worked with year 5 at St. Winefride's on one of my placements and really enjoyed it. I was delighted to be offered the role as a teacher this year.

I am excited to learn with the new year 5's, we will have a great year!



### Reading

Please encourage your children to read at home. Reading daily with adult support is crucial for your child to make good progress. This could be through listening to your child read or by reading more complex texts to them.

All reading done at home needs to be recorded regularly in your child's organiser. These will be monitored throughout the week.

Your child needs their reading book in school each day. This can be a book that they keep at school, or a book that they are currently reading at home. They are more than welcome to bring books from home.



### RE

In RE this term we will be studying Domestic Church (Family) with a focus: on Ourselves, Belonging to the church, Life Choices and Hope and Love in the run up to Christmas.

The children will also spend one week studying Judaism and one week study the Islamic Faith.

### Topic

The children will start the term learning about 'A Kingdom United'. Within this topic we will look at the historic origins of England with a focus on the Anglo-Saxons. We will also skip forward to modern day United Kingdom and study maps and famous landmarks. Our Literacy will link in with our Topic. It will focus on persuasive texts and myths and legends.



### Homework

As well as reading daily, the children will have a Homework book which will come home weekly. Homework will be given out on a Friday, to be returned the following Thursday. Spellings will be tested weekly. Spelling lists will be recorded in the Pupil Organisers. As part of our maths lessons, the children will complete weekly mental maths tests.

### Communication

I look forward to getting to know you throughout the year, but if you have any concerns about any of the above, or about your child, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

I am available at the end of every day. If you would like to make an appointment, please tell the TA on duty in the morning and I will arrange to see you as soon as possible.



I am looking forward to the exciting year ahead and I would like to thank you for your support.

Miss Waldram

