Welcome to Year 5 & 6

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.



We look forward to starting the new year with a topic based on World War 2. This is always a unit of work that the children enjoy and engage well with. There will be a visit to the Beacon to further enhance their learning as well as lots of interesting and exciting lessons in the classroom. In science, we are looking at light and have lots of investigative work and experiments to carry out. Our Computing also focuses on WW2, by looking at Enigma Codes and WW2 codes that were cracked at Bletchley Park!

Children in Year 5 and 6 will also be going swimming this term. This will take place every afternoon for a full week at the swimming pool in Workington and dates for your child's class are listed below.

Please keep your eye on the SeeSaw app—the last few messages we have sent through See-Saw, direct to parents or children, have been missed by a lot of people. SeeSaw is a great way to send messages directly to your teacher and for us to send messages and links to celebrate work in class, direct to you (we also send messages about trips and other school related activities). Please contact the office if you haven't signed up, as a parent, to the SeeSaw app yet.

Mrs Foye, Mr Carruthers, Miss Pool, Mrs Jopson and Mrs Spencer.

Homework

We are continuing to use Seesaw to set homework. On here, you will find the weekly spellings, a link to Spelling Shed, a link to TTRS and information about any additional tasks such as spag.com and maths.co.uk. Homework will be set on a Friday to be submitted on the following Thursday and spellings will be tested on Thursdays.

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week. They need to bring their reading journals home daily and an adult needs to sign the journal to say that they've read at home.

We'd like to see more children complete their weekly homework tasks and receive their stickers this term. To do this they need to do the following:

 $3 \times$ reading journal entries signed per week $15 \times$ minutes on TTRS per week $5 \times$ games on Spelling Shed per week There will also be a weekly Maths or English task for Year 6 pupils.

Year 6 will also be receiving information on additional SATs revision materials this term, which will help them prepare for their upcoming tests in May.

* If you're not signed up to the Seesaw Family App, please do so as this is the easiest way to contact your child's class teacher.

PE Days

All children need to come changed for PE on their PE day in the school PE kit.

Windermere (Class 1—Miss Pool): Monday Ullswater (Class 2—Mrs Foye): Tuesday Derwentwater (Class 3—Mr Carruthers): Friday

Please make sure your child has suitable trainers that fit with our uniform policy.

Key Dates for Spring Term

<u>Spring 1st half</u> Wednesday 3rd January — Friday 9th February

<u>Half term</u> Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

<u>Spring 2nd half</u> Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

<u>Beacon Visit</u> Friday 26th January & Wednesday 31st January

<u>Swimming</u>
Windermere: Mon 19th Feb—Fri 23rd Feb
Ullswater: Mon 26th Feb—Fri 1st March
Derwentwater: Mon 18th March—Fri 22nd March

<u>Parents evening</u> Tuesday 5th March and Wednesday 6th March

> World Book Day Thursday 7th March