



September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you have enjoyed your summer break. I am thoroughly looking forward to the year ahead and know that it will be full of hard work and fun. As members of the oldest phase in the school, I have high expectations of each child to set the best example to younger children.

All children will come swimming on Tuesday mornings and it is essential that children always bring necessary kit. P.E will also be on a Tuesday. It is vital that all children have the correct P.E kit to enable them to take part in every lesson. This includes suitable footwear such as pumps or trainers, as when possible, P.E will take place outside. Please ensure your child's clothing is labelled.

Below is a brief outline of the topics we will be covering this term:

	<b>Au1 - 7 weeks</b>	<b>Au2 - 8 weeks</b>
<b>Geography/ History Driver</b>	What's so special about the USA?	Who were the Mayans and what have we learnt from them?
<b>Science Driver</b>	Can you feel the force?	Will we ever send another human to the moon?
<b>Literacy</b>	'Billy the Kid' - Recounts (4 weeks) Film Narrative (linked to silent movies in Topic - 3 weeks)	Stories from other cultures (3 weeks) Non-chronological reports (3 weeks) Poetic style (2 weeks)
<b>Maths</b>	Number/ Place Value Written + / - Mental + / - Equivalent dec/ fract/ % Mental x / ÷ Measurement	Mental x / ÷ Fractions, ratio / proportion Written x / ÷ Shapes Written + / - Mental + / - Equivalent dec/ fract/ %
<b>DT</b>		Mayan sculptures
<b>Art</b>	Andy Warhol study	Mayan art
<b>Music</b>	Study of several genres of American music, past and present	Singing - whole school/ class
<b>RE Buddhism + Christianity</b>	Pilgrimage	Sacred places/ Initiation
<b>PE</b>	Swimming Dance	Swimming Gymnastics
<b>PSCHE</b>	New Beginnings	

English or maths homework will be given on a Friday and is to be handed in the following Tuesday.  
There will also be spellings/ times-tables to learn.

I am confident that we will have an enjoyable year and that with hard work; all children will achieve their best.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and see me and I will help in any way I can.

Thank you for your continued support of the school, I look forward to getting to know you and you children throughout the year.

Miss F Bajwa

Year 5 teacher.