



## Blickling Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2018

Welcome to Year 5! We hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the new school year. Unfortunately, Mrs Kurtz is not well enough to return to school just yet but we are hopeful that she will return fit and well after half term. In the meantime, the class will be taught by Mrs Cole on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Mr Walters will teach English on Wednesday and Friday while Mr Gleeson will teach maths on these days and lead maths intervention groups during the rest of the week. Swimming or PE will be on Wednesday afternoons; PE and PSHE will be on Friday afternoons.

**English:** We will be using a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books to inspire our writing, as well as learning specific grammar and punctuation skills and spelling rules. We will be working on our reading comprehension in our weekly guided reading sessions.

**Maths:** We will be covering a range of topics including place value, calculation, shape, measure and fractions. We will be working on our arithmetic as well as challenging ourselves with a weekly investigation linked to that week's maths topic. Fluent recall of our times table facts will be an essential skill.

**Topic:** Our first topic is the USA. We will be developing our map skills and knowledge of places, and will compare the USA with the UK. We will also be looking at how animals have become adapted to living in Alaska as part of our science. The children will be given topic homework, similar to the format used in year 4, which they completed brilliantly. More information about this will follow once we have settled back!

**PE:** Our PE lessons are on Wednesday and Friday so please make sure that your child has their full kit in school on these days. We will let you know which children will continue their swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons as soon as possible.

**Homework:** Reading is an important part of your child's homework and we would like your child to read for about 15 minutes each day if possible. There will also be times tables to revise and spellings to learn.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with us, please pop in before or after school, write a note in your child's planner or send an email to [scole5nrl@nsix.org.uk](mailto:scole5nrl@nsix.org.uk). We look forward to working together with you to give your child another happy and successful year at Holt primary school.

Mrs Cole, Mrs Kurtz, Mr Walters and Mr Gleeson

