

## Felbrigg Class Autumn Newsletter

Welcome to year 5! I hope you've all had a lovely Summer holiday.

Let me take this opportunity to tell you a little about what the class is going to be doing this term...

In maths we are going to be working on place value (including decimal numbers), shape and measures. We will also work on building fluency with calculation using the 4 operations– addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Confident recall of times tables is going to be very important this year so regular practice at home is vital.

Our English lessons will focus on building the class' descriptive skills and being able to create atmosphere and mood in their narratives. Throughout the year we will be introducing new grammar terms and encouraging a wider use of punctuation and vocabulary.

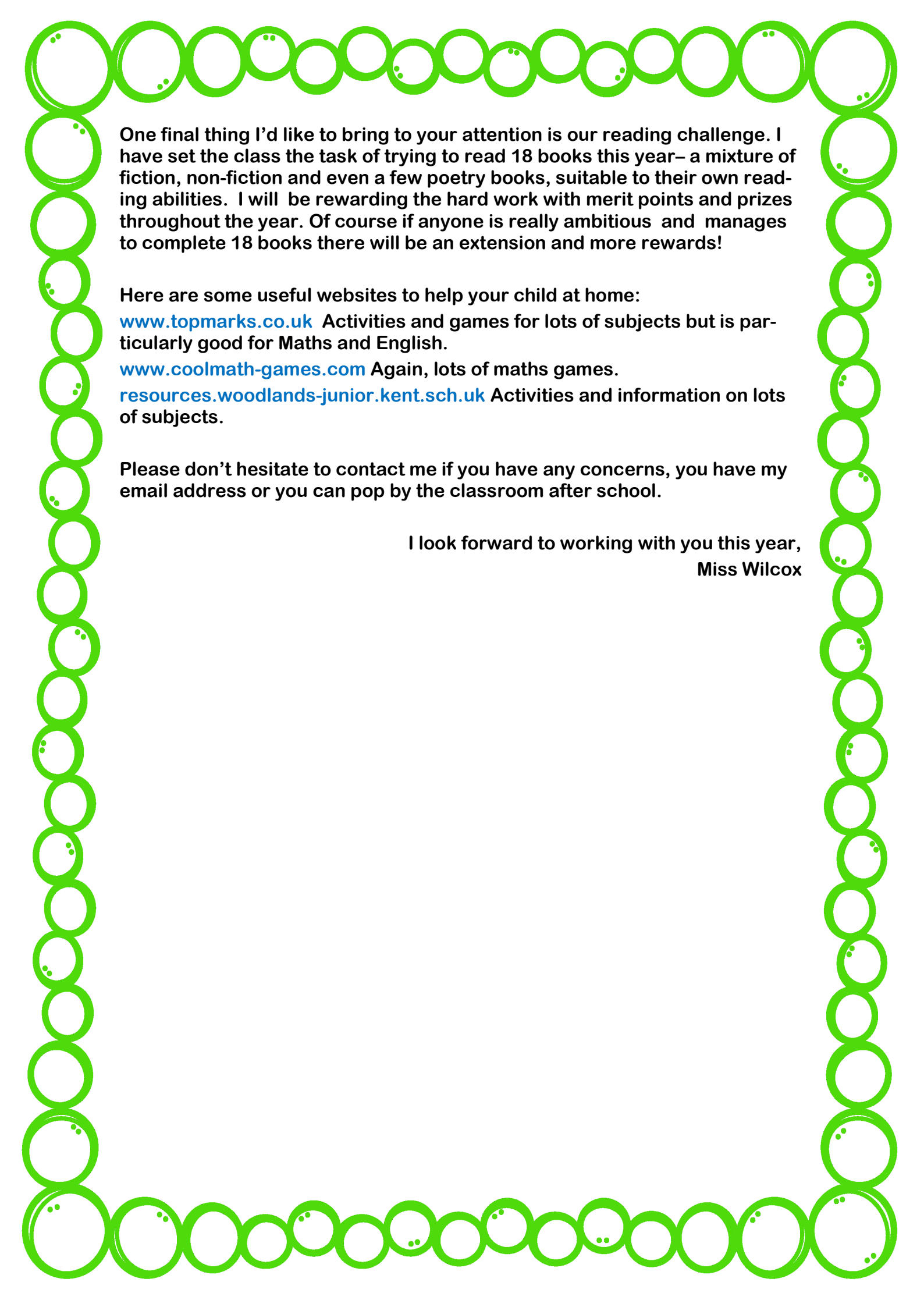
It's a busy term for topics. Our first topic is UK geography then we'll be learning about Electricity, the Ancient Maya and Light.

P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Fridays with swimming, for those children who have received letters, taking place on Wednesday afternoon during the P.E. lesson. Please make sure that your child has their full P.E. or swimming kit with them on these days.

I will be giving out homework every Friday and it will be due the following Wednesday. This will usually consist of spellings, reading, times table practice and a piece of Maths, English, Grammar or research. If a child needs help with the homework they should come to me or Ms. Wiedmann before the work is due and we are happy to give them a helping hand.

Throughout the year I will also be giving larger project homeworks. These will be longer (5-6 weeks) and will give the children a selection of tasks that they can choose from. I intend to set these once every term and will give you some more information at that time.

To help your child to build independence with their homework I have made up a bag with a few pieces of equipment and resources they can keep at home. I have also put in a contact card with my email address should you need to contact me for anything or if your child wants to email me any work or pictures.



One final thing I'd like to bring to your attention is our reading challenge. I have set the class the task of trying to read 18 books this year– a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and even a few poetry books, suitable to their own reading abilities. I will be rewarding the hard work with merit points and prizes throughout the year. Of course if anyone is really ambitious and manages to complete 18 books there will be an extension and more rewards!

Here are some useful websites to help your child at home:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) Activities and games for lots of subjects but is particularly good for Maths and English.

[www.coolmath-games.com](http://www.coolmath-games.com) Again, lots of maths games.

[resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk) Activities and information on lots of subjects.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, you have my email address or you can pop by the classroom after school.

I look forward to working with you this year,  
Miss Wilcox