

## Blickling Class Newsletter – Autumn Term

Welcome to the start of Year 5! I do hope that you all had a lovely summer holiday and are ready for the new school year. Here's an outline of what we will be learning this term:

**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.

**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 have been given a homework project for this topic. Please ask me if you have any questions about it. After half term, we will be moving on to find out about the Anglo Saxons and Scots. The children will find out the history of Britain after the Romans through a range of artefacts and sources and we also have a trip arranged to support this.

**PE:** Our PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursdays so please make sure that your child has their full kit in school on these days. Swimming lessons for those who have not yet reached the National Curriculum standard will be on Wednesday afternoons.

**Homework:** Reading is an important part of your child's homework and I would like your child to read for about 15 minutes each day if possible. There will also be times tables to revise, spellings to learn and other topic-based activities as well as online maths homework using the MyMaths website.

**How you can help:** There are lots of websites with fun activities for children including:

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk](http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk)

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

If there is anything that you wish to discuss with me, please pop in before or after school, write a note in your child's planner or drop me an email at [hkurtz2nr2@nsix.org.uk](mailto:hkurtz2nr2@nsix.org.uk)

Diary dates: cinema trip to Norwich – 17<sup>th</sup> November, class assembly – 29<sup>th</sup> November, trip to Norwich Castle (Anglo Saxons) – 1<sup>st</sup> December.

I look forward to working together with you to give your child a happy and successful year at Holt.

Mrs Kurtz