



# Class 5 Orcas



## Term 1 Newsletter 2020

### Welcome to Year 5

How delightful to welcome my group of children to Year 5. Things will feel different but many things will remain the same such as our determination to put the children first in all we do. We will be spending a lot of time on personal development in the first few weeks to strengthen our resilience and bring us closer as a class team. If your child has any concerns, I would love to hear from you to make their transition back into school as easy as possible.

The gorgeous weather couldn't last for ever so, as it is rather cold on the playground during break, please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat.

### Homework

Keep your eyes open for homework, which is coming soon on the website but if you would like to complete additional work at home, there are links which are available on the Year 5 PowerPoint to useful learning websites. If you have no access to internet, you could make times tables posters, create spelling tests and read.

**PE** Our PE days are on a Tuesday/Friday afternoon. The children are taking part in PE in their school uniforms so do not need to bring a PE kit into school. They will however, need to a pair of trainers to change into. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery should not be worn on this day.

**Contact:** Please feel free to contact me by email. I will always endeavour to reply on the day the message is received.

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### Learning Interventions

We are always looking to support your child in their learning, so at any point during the year we may offer them an opportunity to work in a small group or 1:1 to enhance their learning. These sessions will take place during the school day.

**This Terms Learning Maths** Place Value, Numbers to 1000 000, Addition and Subtraction. **Literacy** We will be reading and writing using 'Middleworld'. **Science** Animals and their habitats, Forces **Topic** The Ancient Maya, All around the world **RE** Exploring the Christian faith **PE** football & netball **Spanish** Numbers and basic greetings **Music** Different genres **Computing** Internet safety, researching topics, coding **Art and DT** pencil sketching, water colour painting **PSHE** Aiming High

**Reading** We use a scheme called Accelerated reader. The children take a quiz to level their reading and comprehension. They then read a book at school or home at the levels they have achieved (ZPD). Your child then takes the quiz at school and chooses another book. They build up points and collect 'number of words read' as the year progresses. They can read books from home as well, as long as there is a quiz for them.