

A note from Mrs Gillett and Mrs Rutherford

Welcome back – we hope you've had a lovely summer break, and the children are looking forward to the exciting things we have planned this year in our learning.

It is fantastic to see all of the familiar faces and a few new ones too.

Should you ever need or wish to contact us with any questions, you can email the class email class11.seascope@durhamlearning.net or give the school office a call, and we will get back to you.

Year 5 – Class 10 Autumn 1

This term in class we are learning about...

In English and Guided Reading we will be using a book called 'Sky Hawk' by the author Gill Lewis. From this we will be developing our skills in our writing.

Our topic this term is called '**Mayans**', which is learning all about the Ancient Civilisation from Mexico. We will study this topic until Christmas!

In Art, our focus will be on an artist called Frida Khalo, and we will be recreating some self-portraits in her style.

In Geography, children will be learning about the country of Mexico, learning about the lines of latitude and also learning about time zones.

In History, children will be learning the timeline of the Maya, researching what life was like for them and also learning about an ancient ball game they used to play.

Our Science topic this half-term is called '**Materials and their Changing Properties**'. During this topic we will be conducting experiments about missing and separating materials.

Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:

We have the following activities this half-term:

- **Wednesday 20th October → Harvest Festival (details TBC)**

Important Reminders:

Children in Year 6 are able to walk home on their own, but permission needs to be given.

If you would like your child to walk home, please could send a signed note to school or let myself, Mrs Rutherford or the office know.

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon. We will be outside this half-term and children will be learning some hockey skills. Children should come into school in their PE kit on a Tuesday. Their PE kit should be black jogging bottoms, a white t-shirt and their school jumper.

On a Thursday, we also complete our weekly mile, so children may bring trainers to change into on this day, if they wish to.

Homework:

We will continue to be set homework online for maths and spelling each Monday, which needs to be completed by Friday. A paper copy will also be sent home each week.

Banded books and library books will be checked weekly and replaced once completed.

Please ensure your child brings their banded book into school each day, and try to read with your children at home 3 times a week. Children also have access to electronic books through the Reading Buddy website and the TTrackstars website. Thank you for your support.

