

A note from Mrs Gillett

Welcome back – I hope you've had a lovely summer break, and the children are looking forward to being in class 11. I am looking forward to working with the children and seeing them grow.

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

Year 5/6 – Class 11 Autumn Term

Important Reminders:

Children in Year 5 and 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 you either let myself or the office know.

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Class 11 will be going swimming this half term. They need to bring their swimming kits (including a het) with them.

Children also complete the active mile on a Monday and Friday, so they may wish to bring trainers to change into for this activity.

This term in class we are learning about...

- **English** – our Guided Reading text is 'Goodnight Mister Tom', which is a story about a young boy names William who is evacuated to the countryside during World War 2.
- **Art** – our Culture Week country is Japan where we will be learning about the artist Hokusai and using acrylic paint. Our first art topic is all about developing art skills; such as mixing a range of colours using only the primary colours – red, blue, yellow.
- **History** – our first History topic is the Ancient Greeks. Children will be learning about cultures and past times. After October half-term, we will be studying the Tudors, specifically looking at their beliefs.
- **Geography** – our first Geography topic is all about map features. Children will learn about features on a map and will also learn how to read grid references. After October half-term we will be exploring International Trade.
- **Science** – our first Science topic is all about light, through which children will explore how shadows are created and how they can change.
- **D&T** – our first topic is all about frame structures. The children will be working in groups to create a kite.
- **Computing** – our first topic is all about the importance of secure passwords and internet safety.

Homework:

We will continue to be set homework online for maths and spelling each Monday, which needs to be completed by Friday. All children will also be expected to complete an activity on Bedrock.

Banded books will be checked through the week and replaced once completed.

Please ensure you child brings their banded book into school each day, and try to read with your children at home 3 times a week.

Thank you for your support.

Educational Visits and assemblies this half term:

We have the following activities this half-term:

- **Friday 14th October** → Class 11 assembly
- **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October** → Parents Evenings (details TBC)
- **Thursday 15th December** → Year 5/6 Christmas Party

