**Primary 5/6 Newsletter**

**September 2016**

Dear Parents

Welcome to Primary 5/6.

This term Mrs Rhodie will be supporting and assisting the children in our class.

Our class project this term will be ‘Ancient Greece’, where the children will be learning about the life and culture of the Ancient Greeks. We will be looking at Greece as a whole and comparing and contrasting the country from what it used to be like in Ancient times, in comparison to what it is like now.

In Language we will be using the ‘Active Literacy Programme’ along with with the ‘Reflective Reading Strategies’, to improve the children’s understanding of a text. For writing, the children will create text of a different genre every week and we will also be using ‘The Big Write’ to concentrate on improving the children’s writing further, through the use of increased level vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation.

The class novel that we will be studying this term is ‘Charlottes Webb’, in which the children will analyse, and comprehend tasks to aid their understanding of a larger text.

In Maths the children will be split into groups to ensure concentrated engagement and learning. The pupils will continue to use the ‘Big Maths’ programme to enable progression with their mental maths. Every Friday, the pupils will continue to partake in ‘Total Recall’ and ‘CLIC’ maths challenges. The children will gain a score each week which will aspire to advance their mental maths and very own personal scores.

**Some other information that may be of use to you:**

**Our Homework**

* Maths and Spelling homework will be handed out of a **Monday** and due for the **Thursday** of that week. Please sign your child’s homework and feel free to write any comments that may be of use. Reading groups will be heard on a Tuesday and homework will also be given out.

**Our Timetable**

* On a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday we have PE timetabled, so PE kits will be necessary.

I look forward to meeting you all at the first parents evening at the end of September, but until then

please feel free to get in touch with any concerns or issues.

Miss Philip ☺