



April 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope everyone enjoyed the Easter holiday break and that the children are looking forward to this summer term. The whole-school topic theme is *Our Place in Space* and over this term, Lapwings class will learn about the Asian countries of Japan and Malaysia.

In English, we will be writing narratives: a traditional Japanese myth and an adventure based around Jules Verne's *Around the World in 80 days*. In maths we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths Mastery scheme of work in both year groups.

Our science areas of study will include the classification and relationships of animals including humans in Year 5 and the changing states of matter in Year 4. Year 5s will also have the opportunity for discrete sex and relationship education later in the term. In art, we will learn to create traditional-style Japanese scroll paintings and games will continue to be taught by Cambridge United staff on Wednesday mornings. We will be swimming on certain Friday mornings – the dates are available from the school office if you don't already have them. Thank you to everyone who has returned swimming information to the school.

Spellings and times tables will continue to be given on Fridays and tested on Thursdays (spelling) and Fridays (x tables). Please encourage your child to practise these each day. Your child will have guided reading at least once a week and home learning will be discussed during the session. Work from the class home learning grids should continue to be completed either weekly or fortnightly for Year 5 or for Year 4 pupils, respectively and returned on Tuesdays. Due dates for the home learning can be found on the home learning grid sheet itself. This, and supporting resources, will be available on the school website.

Finally, the Year 5 residential to Eaton Vale will take place on 7th – 8th May. This promises to be an excellent experience. The Year 4 children in Lapwings will be taught by Mr Walker and Miss Dyson during those two days.

If you have any expertise you think would be of benefit, please contact us via the school office. Similarly, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment to discuss it with us. Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to the term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr. Neil Lloyd and Miss Abi Clarke
Lapwings teaching team