



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer. We have had a good first few days back and the children have settled well. Here is just a bit of information about the forthcoming year.

### Preparing for the school day

The children have settled well back into their routines. They are looking smart in their uniform- please encourage them to wear navy or grey trousers, shorts or skirt; white shirt or polo shirt; navy sweatshirt or cardigan and dark coloured shoes. Please can we also ask that everything is named! They have their new planners/reading records and library books. Please help them to remember to bring their planners in daily and record their reading. I will check them on Mondays. They will also use these to record their spellings which will be given on Mondays and tested the next week. Maths homework will be given on **Tuesdays** and we will check and mark it together the following Tuesday. Please ensure children are at school on time and encourage a good attendance as it makes a huge difference to their progress.

### PE

Children need to come into school in their PE kit on **Wednesdays**. This should be: white t-shirt and dark shorts. If their hair is long it should be tied back or they can bring a hair-tie. If their ears are pierced, please leave ear-studs out on these days or they can bring a little pot to put their ear-studs in. It would be helpful if they could leave their outdoor PE shoes (trainers or astros) in school. On chilly or drizzly days they may want to wear a (dark coloured) warm top and tracksuit bottoms over the top of their t-shirt and shorts. For the first term, year five are lucky enough to continue their swimming lessons so will need their swimming kits on **Mondays**. This will start on **Monday 12th September**.

### Curriculum

During this half term our topic will be Rivers. We will be finding out about how rivers form and about the importance of rivers locally and around the world. Some of our English work will focus on explaining our findings but we will also be focussing on poetry and the book 'The Day the crayons quit.' In maths, we will focus on developing our understanding of place value and problem solving.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch via email [scole5nrl@nsix.org.uk](mailto:scole5nrl@nsix.org.uk) or catch me on the playground at the beginning or the end of the day.

Mrs Cole and Miss Thompson-Bell

Planners	Daily. Checked on Mondays
Library book	Monday
Spellings	Monday
Maths homework	Tuesday
Swimming kit	Monday
PE kit	Wednesday

