Dear Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had exciting and restful summers. I really enjoyed watching the Paris Olympics and Paralympics as well as spending some much needed time with family and friends. The new school year brings a new cohort into Oak class and I am looking forward to the year ahead!

Autumn 1 will have a Geography focus, as we learn about the UK coastline and its geographic features, in a topic called 'Where the land meets the sea'. We will use atlases to identify the bodies of water that surround the United Kingdom before taking a more in-depth look at the coastal towns and cities around the UK. As we progress through the term, we will begin to explore coastal erosion and learn about how different coastal features are formed. I also think the children will really enjoy our first English learning journey of the year as we delve into biographies of inspirational people before choosing our own person to research and write about.

PE lessons will be on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit for these days. It is advisable to have PE kit in school at all times so that we can be flexible when we need to. Long hair needs to be tied back and children need to remove or tape stud earrings.

With an emphasis on reading for pleasure this year, I will be continuing to check children's reading through the use of reading records. Despite children in Oak class being capable readers, I would like to stress the importance of allowing time for your child to read to you to ensure they fully understand the text. Children are expected to record in their reading records when they have read at home, **with at least one recording a week being made by an adult**. The children have also been set up with their own SORA account. This is an online library with hundreds of eBooks and audio books. Their log in details will be in the front of their reading record so please encourage children to use this free resource.

We are introducing Times Tables Rock Stars to encourage the children to practice their times tables, as well as completing the times tables challenge booklets. There will be a separate letter about how to use Times Tables Rock Stars attached to this e-mail.

Below is the homework schedule for the year. As with previous years, handing in of homework will be monitored, with children having to complete any outstanding homework on a Friday break time. This is to encourage them to develop organisational skills and prepare them for increased homework in secondary school

Year 5		**Year 6**	
What?	**When?**	**What?**	**When?**
CGP Maths and Spellings book. X1 workout a week per book	Set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday for marking	CGP Maths and Spellings book. X1 workout a week per book	Set on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday for marking

If you have any questions or concerns, please do catch me after school or arrange an appointment with the office. I hope the children enjoy the term ahead and I hope you will enjoy hearing about what we have been getting up to in class.

Kind regards,

Miss Lee