Year 556 Autumn Term Newsletter September 2020 Welcome back! I normally start with I hope you all had a good summer, and I am still going to because even though you have had to home-school since March, I do hope you all managed to enjoy the summer and relax! Adults involved in this class this year are: Mrs Reddey (me) Miss Leftley (Higher level teaching assistant) most days apart from Tuesday afternoons. Miss Leftley along-with Mrs Marson will be in class every Friday. Mrs Marson (Teaching assistant) Thursday pm and a Friday. New measures 1. We are, for the moment, based in the village hall. 2. We have plenty of opportunities throughout the day for regular hand-washing and cleaning. 3. Each child will have their own plastic wallet with stationary etc in, to avoid sharing with others so please refrain from allowing their own cases to be brought into school, for the moment. 4. We have a selection of books for them to choose from to read but that book will be kept in school for the time being. Books being returned since March will need to be placed in a plastic box, which will be situated underneath the table where they choose their next book. These books will then be quarantined for 72 hours before anyone else can choose them. Spellings We will carry on with a weekly spelling test, carried out every Friday. The only difference is, their spelling book will have to be kept at school for the time being and so new spellings will be sent electronically via Marvellous me. If you any problems accessing new spellings, please email or phone the school and I can arrange for you to have a paper copy.

Readina At the moment, we are refraining from allowing the children to take their chosen book home. However, this does not stop them from reading other books at home with you and I highly encourage this! I have also attached the year 5 and 6 recommended booklist. This is a list of books suitable for their age range, and a wide range of genres here too. Recovery curriculum For the first couple of weeks, we will be looking at a book by Oliver Jeffers called 'Here We Are.' It is a very powerful book to encourage children to talk about their feelings and the work I have planned to do around this book will support the children to get back into that school routine and back into that mode of working. I am hoping to create some great artwork out of this mini topic too. Topic This term, our topic is 'Crime & Punishment.' We are focusing on the history of this from 1066 onwards. The chosen class novel links well with our topic which is 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. I have my own copy of this and there is a class copy but if your child would like to follow closely too, they are more than welcome to get their own copy to read at home with you/to themselves. Forest school Forest school starts for our class first week back on Thursdays, and will be on a bi-weekly basis. On the week the class are not doing forest school, they will be doing PE with Miss Leftley. (timetable of how this will work this half term is at the end of the newsletter). On these days, whether it is PE or Forest school, could the children come to school that day dressed for that lesson but have their school shoes brought to school in a wipeable plastic bag in case for wet weather. PE days are listed at the end of this letter but they will also be doing PE on Fridays too. On this day, could the children also come to school in their PE kits, along-with a change of shoes in case it is wet. <u> A.O.B</u> If there has been any new health, medical or dietary needs that have arisen since March, please could you let me know or Trish at the office. Earrings need to be taken out on PE days (Thursdays). They need to be responsible for the taking out and putting in of their earrings. • Please also check that ALL your child's uniform is named, including hats, scarves and gloves.

