Dear Parents/carers and families,

Welcome to Tater Du Class!

I hope you and your family have enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. As we begin the new school year, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families, especially to those joining Year 5 and 6. These are exciting and important years, and we are looking forward to working together to make this a successful and rewarding time for your child.

For our Year 6 students, this year is particularly significant as they prepare for their SATs in the summer term. We will be supporting them every step of the way, ensuring they feel confident and prepared, not just academically, but also emotionally. Our aim is to create a positive, encouraging environment where students can thrive, building on their strengths and working hard to reach their full potential. I will be running a SATs club every Monday (3:15pm-4:15pm). I would love every year 6 to attend. We will be going over helpful tips, past papers and how to overcome nerves in a calm environment with lots of chatter, biscuits and juice!

For our Year 5 students, this year will provide a solid foundation for the challenges ahead, with a focus on developing strong learning habits, resilience and a sense of responsibility. Across both year groups, we will be emphasizing the importance of hard work, commitment and kindness, as we believe these values are key to success both in school and in life.

Just a little reminder, please do not bring in toys or fidgets unless we have agreed it is beneficial for your child. Please make sure your child has a water bottle with them for the day. Please can this contain water only. Our P.E day is on a Thursday, please make sure your child has their kit in school. Your child has been given a new reading diary this needs to come in **every day** so the adults can check they’re reading. In Tater Du the minimum amount of reads your child is expected to do is four a week. If they achieve this, they are awarded dojo points! Please ask your child about the exciting rewards that are on offer!

Homework in Year 5 and 6 plays a vital role in reinforcing the learning that takes place in the classroom. It helps students build on their understanding, practice key skills and develop independent study habits. Your child will be coming home with a red homework book. Homework will be set each Friday and due in the following Friday. Homework books **MUST come in every Friday**. It is important that they complete it.

We are excited to embark on this journey with you and your child and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning, growth and achievement. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My door is always open for a chat.

Many thanks,

Meg Lewis

Class Teacher