

## Year 5 Newsletter

Hello parents,

In English this week we have continued with our class book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. We have read chapter five and six of the story and the children have completed a variety of writing tasks from this. We have written a diary entry for the first time Kensuke and Michael met and we have written from Michael's perspective about the events in chapter six. The children have been working extremely hard on these longer pieces of writing and have been including harder punctuation, such as the colon and semi-colon.

In Maths, the children have been using a variety of mathematical skills and applying them to different areas. We have been converting between different units of measurement, we have been comparing fractions with different denominators and we have been converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers.

On Thursday we had Rupert come into school to read with the children. He read with more children on this visit. He is going to come in each week and we will get through all the children... eventually!

In science this week, we have been learning about gears, pulleys and levers. We have discussed where we use them in everyday life. We also watched a couple of videos on the BBC bitesize website to see if children can pull a piano with their bikes and whether children can pull a lorry using pulleys.

For home learning, the children are to complete a 'mymaths' page on mixed numbers. If the children struggle with this, get them to see me on Monday and we can go through it. This should be completed by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

Mr Deakin