

# Year 5 News *A snapshot of our week*

Term 2, Week 5

## English:

This week, the children have continued to read Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and wrote a few pieces based on chapters 3 and 4. They have practised writing complex sentences, relative clauses and using repetition for effect. Later in the week, the children wrote an independent piece, predicting what had happened to Michael and Stella when they fell off the boat. They spent the following day editing and improving their writing, whilst considering their own targets and the Year 5 expectations. This led to a verbal feedback session, which was spent talking to the children about their work, style of writing and how they can further improve.

## Snow!

There was much excitement when it started snowing on Thursday. We were in the middle of an English lesson, when the children suddenly lost focus. There was no holding them back – the whole school ended up outside in the snow for an impromptu, extra breaktime!

## Maths:

The children continued to practise using written methods for division this week. They learnt how to convert remainders to fractions and decimals. They have also been solving word problems involving all four operations and have worked on missing number calculations, using the inverse operation to find the answer.

## Art:

The children have started making their Tudor houses and some have already had to think about strengthening and steadying the panels. There has been painting going on and some have had to re-design certain aspects of their house.

## Homework:

The children have spellings and a spelling word search to complete. They have also been asked to revise the times tables and corresponding division facts. If your son/daughter has a computer or a tablet, there are loads of free times table games you could download, such as: Hit the Button, Coconut Multiples and Ghostbusters on the Topmarks website. Another website to try is: [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk)

Please could the children have a full PE kit at school? It would be great if they could also have tracksuit bottoms and a warm top, as we will continue to do PE outside whenever possible.