

16th October 2020

## Year 5 Letter

*Dear Parents*

*Another busy week has flown by! It was lovely to get the chance to talk to so many parents in our Zoom consultation meetings and I look forward to (hopefully) seeing **and** hearing from everyone else next week.*

*This week in English, we started to look at Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. In order to really understand the story, we are reading a simplified version of the story and watching clips from a CBeebies dramatised version, in addition to looking at Shakespeare's own text. The children's first task was to write a discussion text in the form of a monologue, with Hermia considering whether she should marry Demetrius or run away with Lysander - the children are now experts on this subject! Next, we looked at the 'play within a play', with the ridiculous title of 'The Most Lamentable Comedy and Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisbe'. The children wrote their own versions of this tale, using the same characters. Finally, we studied a speech that Titania makes in the play. It was quite tricky to understand at first, but we managed to translate it into it into modern English.*

*In maths, we continued our work on statistics, organising data in a tally chart or frequency table, drawing line graphs, using line graphs to solve problems and reading and interpreting tables. In science, the children carried out a simple, but fun, investigation to find about the property of magnetism.*

### Teacher of the Week

*This week's teacher was Maya. She had worked really hard to prepare detailed notes about snakes. She confidently told the class lots of interesting information, ensuring that she explained any unfamiliar vocabulary as she went. The children clearly listened very attentively, as they were able to answer all her quiz questions, and they enjoyed designing their own snakes.*



Home learning

*Thank you for supporting your child with reading, spellings and times tables each week. Now that the children are well and truly settled back into school, I shall start to set an additional piece of home learning each week, but this will not start until after the half term break.*

*Best wishes,*

*Louise Grinstead*