

12th March 2021

Year 5 Letter

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I was so proud of the way that the children worked all through the lockdown period, but it has been so lovely to all be together in school again.

We have certainly hit the ground running and the children have worked really hard all week. In maths, the children have started learning about fractions and have learnt how to find equivalent fractions and how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. We have a new geography topic and we will be learning about the rainforest in some depth. This week, the children began by finding out what rainforests are and where in the world they can be found. Linking with this area of study, we have a new class text, 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. Our English work will be based on this text for a few weeks. First, we wrote a diary entry, where the main character (Maia) considered the good and bad things about moving to Brazil. We then wrote a character description of her rather unpleasant governess and a setting description, describing Maia's first impressions of the rainforest. In science, we continued the study of forces that was begun during lockdown, with an investigation about gravity.



Teacher of the Week

We have a new timetable for the children to do their teacher of the week talks:

Please plan a talk about any subject that interests you, lasting **up to 20 minutes**. You may make a PowerPoint presentation to use if you would like to.

If so, save it onto a memory stick. It makes it more interesting for the class if you have pictures or objects to share and it is also excellent if you have a **quick** activity for the children to be involved in. I look forward to learning something new!

Thursday 18 th March	Xander
Thursday 25 th March	Lily
Thursday 1 st April	Joe
Thursday 22 nd April	Will
Thursday 29 th April	Evan
Thursday 6 th May	Lewis C
Thursday 13 th May	Chloe
Thursday 20 th May	Alfie
Thursday 27 th May	Maisie
Thursday 10 th June	Sienna
Thursday 17 th June	Daisy
Wednesday 23 rd June	Rhys
Thursday 24 th June	Jake
Wednesday 30 th June	Lewis L
Thursday 1 st July	Poppy
Wednesday 7 th July	Greta
Thursday 8 th July	George Currie
Wednesday 14 th July	Harry
Thursday 15 th July	Emma

Home learning

This week, I feel that the children have worked quite hard enough, without giving them extra work for the weekend. They have been given spellings to learn for the test next Friday though, either some high frequency words or these words, where ch makes a k sound:

headache

character

chemistry

chorus

choir

Christian

chronological

stomach

technology

echo

monarchy

mechanic

Thank you so much for all your support during the lockdown period - I know it wasn't always easy, but I am very pleased to have seen that the children have certainly not forgotten everything they ever knew, while they have been away! You can now rest and recover, knowing that you have safely handed the baton of educational responsibility back to me!

Have a great weekend,

With best wishes,

Louise Grinstead