

# CLASS 5 NEWS

Welcome to Class 5! I hope you have all had a restful Christmas holidays and are ready for the new term.

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**Spellings:** The statutory spelling list is on the website. Please support your children in practising these at home as well. We are currently trying to pick up on basic spelling errors. Children should bring their spelling books home and to school every day to practise in.

**Literacy:** this term will be focusing on fiction writing and poetry using our class text, *Kensuke's Kingdom*. We will be looking to incorporate all of our descriptive writing skills we have been learning, as well as our grammar and punctuation we have been studying. We have two lessons on grammar per week, and we are currently focussing on sentence construction by breaking it down to its simplest parts.

**Maths:** this term we are focussing on fractions. However, we will also be revisiting place value and our methods for mathematical operations. We have been doing a lot of times table practise to ensure that those facts are embedded. Any help in practising those at home will be greatly appreciated.

**Geography:** our topic focus this term is rivers. We will be discovering how rivers are formed and the key features of a river. We will also be looking at some of the famous rivers around the world and well known rivers in the UK.

**PE:** Class 5 PE is on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and as you know, some of the children will be swimming on Friday afternoons. It is, however, a good idea to have P.E. kit in school every day, just in case!

**Reading:** Please read with your children and try to encourage them to read a variety of different genres. This is very important and will greatly help their literacy skills. Guided reading takes place during English lessons during which we will read our class text, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, by Michael Morpurgo.

**Home learning:** Children will receive maths and literacy based homework every Thursday, which is due in the following Thursday. They will have the full week to complete this and it will always be related to what we are covering in class. We then go over what the children have done at home on a Thursday afternoon in a peer marking and discussion session.