



## Class 5 Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### Message from the Headteacher

#### School Closure

I'm sure that many of you will have been following the news this week and have picked up on the statement regarding school closures, but for those of you who may not know, I wanted to make sure everyone was as up to date as possible.

The key announcements from this week in parliament are as follows:

- The **earliest** schools might 'begin to re-open' will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, which is the start of the third school week after the half-term holiday;
- There will be a plan/review from the government set out for schools and parents on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February (the first day after the half-term holiday), with further updates;
- When the decision to return has been made, schools will get two weeks' notice of this.

This means that we have at least four more school weeks of home-learning under the current arrangements. I thank you all for your continued support with your child's home-learning.

#### Contact with Parents

Thank you for your engagement with the weekly telephone calls from the class staff. Calls for this week have now been completed. Moving forward, staff will not be making calls to all families every week as they have been. Staff are still available to speak with you and/or your child on the telephone but this will be at your request – please either email the teacher or contact the school office to make this arrangement.

#### Signs of Spring

This morning I noticed that the crocuses on the path beside the school drive are just beginning to appear from beneath the grass. Never have these early signs of the change of season been more welcome. With the vaccination programme rolling out I am so very hopeful, as I am sure you all are, that the better times we are looking forward to are beginning to come into focus.

Have a good and safe weekend everyone.

Helen Comfort

### Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known and follow advice accordingly.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

**Please keep the school well informed throughout the process**

If your child has attended school for childcare and tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email [secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk)

### Message from the Class Teacher

Dear Class 5,

Thank you for sharing with me the work that you have completed at home this week. May I take this opportunity to say that I am most impressed with the standard of your home learning. Please continue to work hard and try to do everything we are planning for you each day. Remember to take break times to relax your mind perhaps with some calming music.

Your Charlotte's Web work has been brilliant. I have been amazed at the Spider fact files you have made. It has also been great to see your home made parachutes and hearing of the fun experiments you completed with them. There has been some beautiful art work too. Some super shading techniques to produce those 3D shapes and some absolutely amazing spider web designs. Charlotte would be really impressed!

You are all doing a great job at home and don't forget I am here for you via the email if you have any questions.

Stay safe and have a relaxing weekend.

Miss you all.

Mr Oliver

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

This week we are reading more from Charlotte's Web and thinking carefully about the feelings of the main characters. We will also be learning a poem off by heart to recite at the end of the week. In our science we are looking at how friction forces can be really useful sometimes. You are going to be investigating which surface causes the most amount of friction. We are going to explore the mountains of North America in geography for our mountain holiday adventure.



### Lunch Menu – Week 2