



Class 5 Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 5th February 2021

Message from the Headteacher

The sun is shining, the weekend is upon us and we are due to enter the last week of this term on Monday. I continue to be immensely proud of all of the children, families and staff who have been trying their very best throughout this challenging term and I thank you all.

We have a couple of changes to our home learning for next week and I would like to explain them to you.

First of all I have asked the teaching staff to produce a video of themselves talking to the children and families and outlining elements of the learning for the week. The teachers have all done a great job in producing these and I hope you and the children enjoy hearing and seeing them and feel motivated to do some of the activities talked about. It is intended that these will be produced each week during the lockdown and you can find them on the school website alongside the planning for the week.

Secondly we are conscious of the demands on all families regarding home learning and the fact that many children are now spending much time during the day looking at screens. Teachers have worked to produce some different activities for your child to complete next Friday – we hope that these enable them to be up and active rather than sitting looking at a screen. Have a look out for the suggestions in the planning posted to the school website and choose those which suit your family – you do not need to do them all! Do feel free to send in photographs of your child(ren) completing activities if you wish.

Snow

The weather forecast for this area on Sunday is currently heavy snow and high winds. Whilst we often miss out on weather fronts on this edge of Kent it is sensible to be prepared! If we are in a situation where the school is not able to be open you will be notified by text – this notification will only be relevant to those of you who have children booked in for childcare.

I will endeavour to make this decision on Sunday – if it does snow – so that you are well informed before Monday morning. If you hear nothing on Sunday then assume school is open as usual however please be aware that there may be Monday morning notification of closure depending on what happens overnight.

Thank you for your understanding and wishing you all a good weekend.

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

Message from the Class Teacher

Dear Class 5,

Thank you so much for sharing your work with me this week. I am most impressed with the standard of your home learning. Please continue to work hard and try to do everything I am planning for you each day. Remember to take breaks to relax your mind, perhaps by listening to some calming music. It has been fascinating to discover the poems that you have chosen to learn this week. I hope you have enjoyed reciting them as much as the Key Worker children have in class. Your science experiments were extremely creative. I loved the pictures you sent in of your experiments. I am looking forward to seeing your tourist leaflets persuading us to take an adventurous mountain holiday. It has also been great to read your bed-time stories you wrote for Wilbur. Many of them were in fact more captivating than the ones in the story! 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. Keep well and stay safe.

Miss you all.

Mr Oliver

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week commencing 8th February 2021

We have an exciting last week planned for you all. Prepare to get wet in science when experimenting with floating and sinking. You will be learning new skills sketching mountains in art and bringing your designs together in geography to complete your Mountain Tourist leaflets. Enjoy listening to and comparing two very different styles of traditional music. We will ending the week with **Screen Free Friday**, were you can choose different fun-filled activities.

