



## Class 5 Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Message from the Headteacher

#### **Brrrr!**

Very many thanks to all involved in managing the effects of Storm Darcy this week. I am sure that many of the children will have enjoyed playing in the snow – parent/carers too I imagine! Hopefully we will have a much more settled week weather-wise when we return to school after the half term break.

#### **Keeping in Touch**

The videos which each teacher presented this week have been well met by families and I am pleased to say that these will continue during Lockdown.

#### **Resting our Eyes**

The staff and children at school have enjoyed 'Screen-free Friday' today and I hope those of you at home have also. We will continue with this approach after half term.

#### **Half Term Break**

We break for half term today so there will be no home learning set for next week.

#### **Term 4**

Term 4 begins on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Children booked in for childcare will attend school while all others are to complete home learning which, as you know, is posted to the school website.

During the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March all classes will be undertaking work around the theme of reading and books in support of World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March – look out for the variety of activities planned for this week.

At the time of writing it is possible – although not yet definite – that all (or some) children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement regarding this on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

#### **Track and Trace**

If your child has been attending school for childcare and tests positive for Covid during the half term break please notify the school on [secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk) so that we can undertake the required tracking and tracing.

Wishing you all a good weekend and half term break.

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

#### **Keeping School Informed**

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)

Even if your child is not attending school please continue to let us know if your child has symptoms of Covid and is awaiting a test result. Please advise of the result of the test either negative or positive, as we are required to report information daily to the DfE on the number of suspected and confirmed cases (just the number, no names).

### Message from the Class Teacher

Dear Class 5,

Thank you so much for sharing your work and snow pictures 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 wonderful to see your amazing Mountain Leaflets explaining all the fascinating things you could enjoy doing in a mountain resort. I particularly enjoyed how artistic you had become with your mountain range sketches. Your science buoyancy experiments were extremely creative. I loved the pictures you sent in of your experiments. I'm sure you will all agree that our first Screen Free Friday was brilliant! So many creative ideas. 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 Half Term break.

Miss you all.

Mr Oliver

### The Week Ahead!

### Lunch Menu – Week 1

#### Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

We have an exciting first week planned for you all. Prepare to be amazed in science when experimenting with levers and fulcrums. You will be improving your sketching skills when creating mist covered mountain scenes in art. We are looking at exploring the Ancient Greek Civilisations and discovering what an amazingly cultured and sophisticated people they were. Enjoy listening to and comparing piano music from different eras, modern day and classical. We will be ending the week with another **Screen Free Friday**, where you can choose different fun-filled activities.