

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, it's been a busy and exciting term in Year 5, with the children working incredibly hard across all subjects. Here's a little snapshot of what we've been up to recently:

### **English**

We've been diving deep into grammar and sentence structure, improving our understanding of punctuation and how to build more powerful, expressive writing. Our reading sessions have focused on developing comprehension and thinking critically about what we read. We've especially enjoyed exploring the epic tale of *Beowulf*, and we are soon going to be working on the moving and important story of *Anne Frank*. Both have sparked thoughtful discussions and brilliant insights from the class.

### **Maths**

It's been a challenging but rewarding time in Maths. We've tackled fractions with great determination, and many children are becoming much more confident in long multiplication and division. We've also been working hard to master telling the time and solving tricky worded problems that require real-life thinking skills.

### **Science**

Our current topic is *Habitats*, and the children have shown a real curiosity about the different environments animals live in and how they adapt to survive. We've had some fascinating conversations and creative projects as part of our investigations.

### **Religious Education (RE)**

In RE, we've been learning more about Christianity—exploring its key beliefs, stories, and how it shapes the lives of believers. The children have asked thoughtful questions and shown great respect during our discussions.

### **Physical Education (PE)**

We've been enjoying developing our striking and fielding skills in outdoor PE sessions, and our Monday morning swimming lessons have been a real highlight. It's fantastic to see the progress in confidence and ability each week in the pool.

### **Art**

Year 5 have really impressed me with their creativity while designing 3D structures of cities. From towering skyscrapers to imaginative layouts, their teamwork and attention to detail have been wonderful to see.

### **Music**

We've been exploring the rhythms of Bengali music, learning to identify different beats and experimenting with our own rhythm patterns. The children have embraced the new style with enthusiasm and a great sense of rhythm!

### **History**

Our journey through the past has taken us to Ancient Greece. We've been learning about Greek myths, democracy, daily life, and how their ideas still influence us today. It's been a fascinating topic and one the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

**Upcoming Trip**

We're all very excited about our upcoming trip to the **Science Fair on Friday 16th May**. It promises to be a day full of interactive learning and discovery, and we know the children will gain so much from the experience.

To finish, I just want to say what a truly **lovely, hardworking, kind, and caring class** this is. It is a pleasure to teach them every day and see their progress and enthusiasm across all subjects.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My door is always open.

Warm regards,  
**Mrs Bond**