



## Year 5 Newsletter

15-09-17



It was lovely to see some many of you at the 'Meet the teacher' on Wednesday. Thank you for all your support! All the children have settled back at school with remarkable speed and are enthusiastic to learn.

### English

I don't want to alarm you parents but a kelp forest has taken root in the Year 5 classroom over the summer holiday, much to the fascination of the children. We were all quite perplexed as kelp forests are generally found on the west coast of North America, not in Nutfield village! I thought, however, this would be a great opportunity to explore the beautifully illustrated text 'The Hidden Forest' by Jeannie Baker. During the first part of the week, we plunged our hands into the water to feel the velvety texture of the kelp and experimented with concrete and abstract nouns to write a description. We then created our own kelp forest dioramas out of shoe boxes and craft materials. Towards the end of the week our protagonist, Ben came face to face with some of the sea creatures who gently inhabit the kelp forest. With the help of a snorkel and an inflatable whale we enjoyed acting out a scene from the book. We then used freeze framing and thought-tapping to put ourselves in the place of each character, with some amazing results!

### Dates for the diary

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Year 5 Hindleap Warren residential visit.

W/C 25<sup>th</sup> September - After school clubs start.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September - PTFA AGM 7.30 start.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October - Harvest Service at Christ Church 9.30 - 10.30

### Maths

In Maths lessons this week we have learnt to read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 100 000 and determine the value of each digit. We have been counting forward and backwards in steps of powers of 10 for any given number up to 100 000. We have also been rounding numbers up to 100 000 to the nearest 100 and 1000.

### Homework

As it is the first full week back I am not setting spelling or Maths homework. Please try to read with your child on a regular basis as this also supports your child's writing and creativity. A new homework book is being sent home with your child today. Please could they decorate the front cover. Our Knowledge and Understanding topic this term is 'Ancient Greece'. I would like children to find out some facts about ancient Greek civilization and write down their best three. I would also like, if possible, each child to bring in a local or national newspaper in preparation for our R.E lesson next week.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Brooks, Mr Cook and Mr Day

