



Dear Parents,

Last half term, all children worked very hard at engaging with their remote learning. It has been a huge change, but we are impressed with the way the children have adapted. We're determined for this half term will be just as successful!

Our Topic for this half term is **Investigating Water**. Despite us having a geography focus, the water theme will lead into our other curriculum subjects.

Live lessons:

- Keep checking your [Teams calendar](#) for invites to live lessons.
- There will be a timetable on the [Sway](#) each day found on the school website. The timetable will alert you which lessons will be live each day.
- Your class teacher will put up a post on [Class Dojo](#) each day, which will also tell you the times to log in to live lessons.

Our learning:

- In Reading, our class text will be *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. The key skills that we will be focussing on are define, summarising and inference.
- In Writing, we will be planning and writing an adventure story based on our class novel. This will be followed by a non-fiction unit, where we will be writing a persuasive argument.
- In Maths, we are continuing our Fractions unit. This will include comparing, adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions. We will use this knowledge to introduce our Decimals and Percentage units.
- In Science (biology), we will be discussing the changes humans go through in their lives. This unit is called Animals including Humans.
- In Geography, our unit is called Investigating Water. We will be exploring the human uses of water, recapping the water cycle and learning about the different stages of a river.
- In R.E. we will be learning Hindu and Jewish beliefs to the key question: '*if God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship?*'
- In P.E. we will be practicing balances and creating sequences.

Support at home:

- It would be a great help if you could ensure your child is logged in to teams a few minutes before their first live Teams meeting.
- Set aside a quiet space in the house for your child to productively work. Please monitor that they are not misusing the chat function on Teams, have their mic muted and cameras turned on.
- Discuss your child's learning with them. It will help consolidate their learning if they have the chance to explain what they have learned with someone at home.
- Share your child's work with their class teacher on Dojo. This will allow the class teacher to check their progress and suggest next steps.
- Read with your child. Due to current circumstances, children are unlikely to have as much 1-1 reading with an adult.



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PE:

- PE lessons are found on the daily Sway on Wednesday's.
- Mr. Harrison has pre-recorded tasks and activities for the children to do at home.

If your child is unable to attend live sessions:

- If your child is unable to log on to the live learning for the day, please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo. Otherwise, it will be recorded as not being present on our registers.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Dojo who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team
