

Welcome to our class letter for this half term.  
We are excited to share with you our learning journey.

## In English

We are reading 'Floodlands' by Marcus Sedgwick.  
Our SPAG focus is using a variety of clauses.  
Spellings include common exception words and suffixes, -able and -fer.

## Goal 14 - Life Below Water

We will be exploring the question: Why is it important to protect our oceans?

## In Maths

We will continue with short division before moving on to area, scaling and decimal fractions.

## In Science

Our topic is chemical reactions and separation processes such as filtering and dissolving.

## In RE

We are focussing on Hinduism and what spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures.

## In PE

We are going to be developing our NFL Flag Football and hockey skills.

## In History

We are learning about the importance of Anglo Saxons in British history.

## In Geography

We are learning about the impact humans have on our oceans and how we can be more sustainable about our choices.

## In French

We are learning new vocabulary to describe different habitats as the impact of Jacques Cousteau had on the oceans.

## In Art

We will be creating sculptural installation about the impact of plastic pollution on turtles and jellyfish.

## In Music

We are learning rhythm through the use of drums.

## In DT

There will be no DT project this half-term.

## In PSHE

We are learning about our ambitions and the importance of setting goals..

## In Computing

We are learning how to write a blog using Purple Mash.

## PE days

Please ensure that your child has their PE kits for Mondays and Wednesdays. As the weather continues to be cold, please ensure that they have an extra layer of clothes and bring a spare pair of socks should their feet get wet when it rains. It may also be useful to have a plastic bag for their trainers to go in if they get muddy.

## At home

In Year 5, children are expected to read 6 days a week for 20 minutes. Please ensure that you listen to your child read 3 times within the week. We will monitor their progress on the Accelerated Reader. SPAG and spelling homework is due Wednesday morning and DoodleMath assignment is due Friday morning, along with their additional ten minutes a day.

These are some books that we recommend as they link nicely to our English book:

- The Last Wild by Piers Torday
- Varmints by Helen Ward, Illustrated by Marc Craste
- Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve
- The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen
- Songs of Innocence & Experience by William Blake