

## Class 5

### Christmas Newsletter

Class 5 have had a really busy term and have certainly earned their Christmas Holiday. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Varjak Paw' - the story of a Mesopotamian Blue cat and they are now working on their own cats to bring home at the end of term.

Sewing has been a real challenge for some of us, but we have all had a go. The creative homework linked to this book has been fantastic. The children have produced a wonderful range of cats.



Class 5 have also continued to enjoy their music lessons - whether clarinet or guitar. The children are making great progress and the guitarists are now allowed to take their guitars home to practise. Next term, the clarinettists will also be able to do this.

We have covered a lot of science this half term and have learnt about the life cycle of flowering plants, birds, amphibians and insects. Children have developed their vocabulary and are able to talk about complete metamorphosis.

In RE we have read several bible stories and of course there was the wonderful Nativity performance that the whole school took part in. Class 5 took a leading



role in the Nativity with Mariam, Suhaib, Sami, Alisha, Lanae, Ahsan and Zenat representing our class brilliantly. We have also been to St Peter's church for our annual Christingle celebration. The children did us proud, answered all the questions about the Christmas story and showed just how well they can sing.



Earlier in the term, we had our visit to the Clip 'n' Climb centre. This is such a fantastic experience and the children absolutely love this opportunity to show what they can do. Class 5 did us proud again and we were complimented by the staff on just how well our children listened and behaved. The children supported and encouraged each other,

took turns fairly and were a real pleasure to take out of school.

### Next term

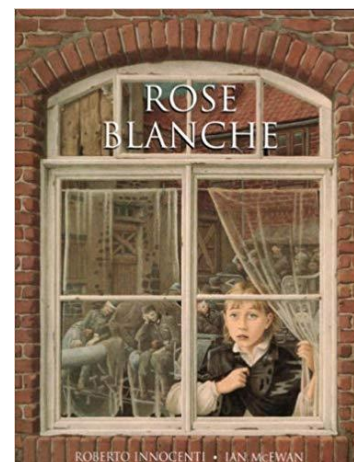
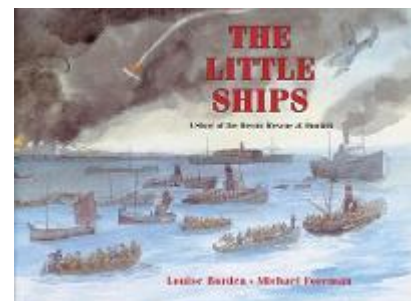
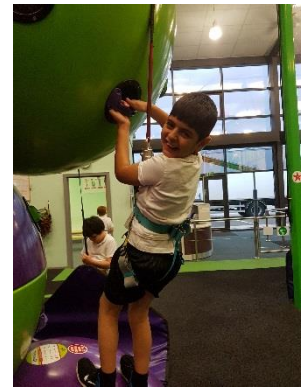
Next term will be even busier than this one. Our focus across the Spring term is World War II. We will focus on what life was like in Britain at this time as well as the build up to the war. We will learn about the Blitz and also about the life of Anne Frank. We will visit the Holocaust Centre which is a very moving trip and helps the children to understand just how terrible wars are. Whilst this is not always a fun topic, it is a very valid one and one that children in the past have always been fascinated by.

In connection with World War II, we will be reading: 'Rose Blanche' by Ian McEwan and 'The Little Ships' by Louise Borden. Both of these texts are based on 'real life' stories but with fictional characters. In philosophy we shall also be thinking about war and asking the question: 'Is it ever right to fight?' In art we shall be looking at the propaganda posters that were produced during the war and then coming up with our own slogans. In RE we will look at Judaism as this again links very well to World War II and Anne Frank.

The Class 5 homework is now available on your class webpage:

<http://www.radfordacademy.co.uk/classes/class-5>

The spellings for next half term are also on there in case your child forgets their homework book at school.



We have really appreciated the help and support that you have given your children in order to complete their homework tasks. We hope that by being strict with HW now, they will cope far better when they move to secondary school.

Finally, I am just left with adding some rather sad news at the end of our newsletter. We shall be losing our lovely Miss Watson at the end of this term. She will be very much missed by all of us, but we wish her the very best of luck in her new job at the head office of LEAD. I am sure that she will pop in to see us from time to time.

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2019.

Best wishes

Mrs Smalley, Miss Watson and all the children of Class 5



## MERRY CHRISTMAS



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SANTA  
REINDEER  
PRESENTS  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
TOYS  
STOCKING  
SNOWMAN  
CANDY CANE  
ELF  
WREATH  
BOW  
BELL  
CANDLE  
ANGEL



What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?

*Frostbite*

Knock, knock.  
*Who's there?*

Rabbit  
*Rabbit who?*

Rabbit up carefully, it's a present!

