



## St. Teresa's Class

### Year 5- Spring Term 2



Dear Parent(s)/ Guardian(s),

I hope you have all enjoyed the half-term break and feel like the batteries have been recharged. Throughout this term, we will be working on how we can grow our brains and understand what it means to have a growth mindset. To support this we have been reading a variety of books that open up conversations that help us to grow and understand the emotions we may feel. See below for some of the texts that help us to do this.



Whilst on the topic of books, last term it was a pleasure to see so many children inspiring each other to read. By the end of last term, it felt like most of the class had bought and was reading the new book by Katherine Rundell-which I agree is such a good book. Year 5 is completely embracing our reading motto, 'Reading Gives You Wings', enjoying any opportunity for reading for pleasure and sharing good books to read with their friends and me. See below a few of the books that have inspired other members of the class.



As always our English learning is based on a book to hook and inspire us. We are using 'There's a Rang-tan in my Bedroom' to provide us with a starting point. We will be writing persuasive letters based around saving endangered animals and saving our ever-decreasing rainforests. This allows the children to draw on their Geography last term to support them in excelling with their writing. The children are already passionate and excited to write their persuasive letters this week.

Furthermore, our new history unit always excites the children, as it is based on understanding and learning about where they live. Our new topic 'Diverse Dursley' also provides the children with trip opportunities. We will be heading to Woodchester Mansion where we will have a tour of the building and learn all about it. We will also be creating clay artwork based around the gothic era...specifically gargoyles.

As always I am available on the playground at the end of the school day, so please do not hesitate to speak or contact me throughout the school year.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hathaway

### Reminders

#### Homework will be set through TEAMS on a Friday, this will include:

- Spellings- these will be shared as before through TEAMS, and to be practised alongside their homework.
- A main focus on Maths, English or RE

#### Homework is due on a Wednesday.

- **Home reading-** by reading 5 times a week your child will receive a stamp towards their reading awards. Please ensure reading record is brought in daily to be checked (especially Thursdays).

#### Water bottles- **Please ensure your child brings one to school**

- Children should be bringing a water bottle in to school every day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on their water bottle.

#### PE and Outdoor Learning

- PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday afternoon, please ensure children wear their PE kit to school on these days. This includes trainers, a house colour top and navy/black shorts.
- Outdoor Learning will also take place on a Friday. Please ensure waterproof clothing and a pair of wellies are in school for this, but it is also a good idea for them to have wellies in all the time as they need them to go on the field at break times and lunch times.