

January 5th 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a restful, if a little quieter than usual, Christmas and we wish you all a Happy New Year.

As you are aware, we are now delivering the learning via Google Classroom and aim to cover as much of what we had planned as is possible online. Although not an ideal situation, please encourage your child/ children to engage with as much of the learning set as they can. Taking on board some of the feedback from before Christmas, we are trying a slightly different approach in Year 5, with the aim of making things easier and providing more face to face support for the children.

The learning will go online at 8.50 every morning.

This will include: Maths, Literacy and Topic.

The Team are available throughout the school day to answer any questions and provide help where we can. Please bear in mind that there will be a very large number of children online, we will endeavour to be as efficient as possible.

Answers for the Maths and Literacy will go online at 12.00 each day for your child. This is so that any questions about the learning can be discussed in the afternoon.

The 'meet link' in Google Classroom will be available each day 1.30 – 2.00 for Canterbury Class and at 2.15 – 2.45 for Rochester (the link will change daily and only be available during the specified time). This is a live, face to face chance for help and support. Your child does not have to attend this but we are making it available if required. As a result, work can be completed on paper, which removes the necessity for work to be 'turned in'.

Our core text is called Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick and we will post links to the text being read aloud by the author for our child/ children.

We have no doubt that there will be hiccups and fraught moments, rest assured we will try our best to help and support you through them. If you have any questions can you please ensure that you email them via the office, they will then be forwarded to the relevant adult. This is to ensure that Google Classroom is kept as a learning class/ space for the children only.

The Year 5 Google Classroom Team this week will be Mrs Billinge, Mrs Beaver and Mrs Holt

The Coxheath Team will be Mrs Taylor, Ms Callegari, Mr Jones & Ms Ealden

The teams will swap over each week.

Many thanks for all your support.

The Year 5 Team.