



# Year 5—Polar bears

As we begin this final term of year 5, this newsletter is a great opportunity for me to write to you about the learning experiences of your children. You will find a small selection of photographs on the reverse of this newsletter, which capture some of our wonderful learning experiences. Please visit the Year 5 webpage, where you will find many more photographs of your children. This term we have lots of exciting events coming up—which begin next week with our Coronation party on Friday 5th May.

### Personal Development

In Personal Development, we have been talking about relationships and how our bodies change as we grow older. The children have discussed what gifts and talents they have and what they are proud of. We've discussed how to appreciate individuality and recognise the influences of society and media to make us feel like we have to act and look certain ways. Children have shown maturity and confidence discussing these themes.

### Things to do at home!

Please continue to practise your number sense focus facts (Please see home overview sheet).

- **Read your reading book and remember to bring it back to school every day!**
- **Make sure you PE. Kit is in school everyday.**
- **As the weather is becoming warmer, it is even more essential that children should have access to a water bottle in school everyday.**

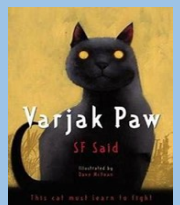
### What we've been learning...

**In writing**, we have been using a range of skills to write biographies. We are currently writing a legend about Beowulf.

**In Maths**, we have and will continue to be working with fractions and looking at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. As a class, we have been practising our arithmetic skills.

**R.E.**, we have discussed and made links about the sacrifices we make and how this links to Jesus' ultimate sacrifice. We have just started our new topic of Transformations—which links to Pentecost, the period following Easter.

**In Reading**, we are currently reading *Varjak Paw* by SF Said. Last term we enjoyed a virtual author visit from Tony Bradman and we asked questions about our previous class text 'Viking Boy.'



**In Geography**, we have been discussing natural resources and we have debated why we should you renewable energy over non-renewable energy.

**In Art**, we have been learning about cubism with reference to the artist Pablo Picasso.

**In Computing** we've been using a green screen to record and edit videos. This term we will be exploring and creating databases.

### Reading Expectations

Your child will bring a book home every night and this must be returned to school every day, so children can use it in our daily reading sessions. In year 5, we ask children to take responsibility for recording their reading in their reading log every time that they read. As children become more fluent, we place more emphasis on their understanding of what they have read.

Please can you listen (at least twice per week) to your child read and ask questions around their understanding.

Here are some photos of us settling in and working together this half term.

