

# 5Th Grade Newsletter

*News and a letter in one place*

## Introduction

Well, the tree is sparkling, the snow is gently falling somewhere else and the elves are working for Amazon. Yes, it's Christmas and Ho Ho Ho what a lot of fun we've had. We've unwrapped the presents under our Givemass Tree (a tree where we give presents of love without receiving anything in return) and we've sung more carols than a carol singer whose paid by the piece rather than the hour.

So, may your pies stay hot and your mistletoe be misty, and I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Karl

## English

What has a beginning, middle and end? Brexit? Uncle Bob? No, it's a story, and we've been writing fiction stories that you'll never believe. Using such story starters as an island that only costs \$5 or a pig in red boots, we've been writing frictionless fiction, where we've practiced how to use commas, ellipses and paragraphs—it's a novel way to learn English.

We've also been continuing to name our nouns—possessive and object pronouns!

Next year, we'll be writing our own plays, and learning how to use a colon! I know; it's a lot to digest... (Ho, ho, ho... colon).



All they want for Christmas is love and a hug...

## Social studies

The animal presentations were great—I looked, I learnt, I laughed (in the right places). I feel it's important for children to practice their skills at presenting in front of other people; they will do a lot more of it at their next school.

Our next project will be about electricity: a shockingly fun topic. Yes, we'll be getting charged up about circuits, bulbs and buzzers. It's enough to make your hair stand on end!

## Maths

These have been testing times in maths as we tested our knowledge of what we have learnt so far. I'm pleased by how much progress the children have made. The 1st term in grade 5 is always hard as we speed up our mental arithmetic speeds and learn new strategies and concepts.

Next term, we'll be learning about every child's favourite thing—fractions! Do you know your numerators from your denominators? Your impropers from your mixed?