

# 5Th Grade Newsletter



Somedays, they just need a little bit of help...

## Introduction

Well, now it's time for me to tell you how your children have been when they've been with you and not me...

I have to say well done to the class for how they have approached distance learning - they've turned up, worked hard and tried their best; and that's not easy when online learning is perhaps less fun than the classroom.

The good news is that we've used this time to practice for math, English, logic and reading tests. So, hopefully now, they're so much more independent... Yay!

## Maths

So, as I discussed with many of you at the parent consultations, we're working on making the children more independent, and developing their skills at decoding math questions and choosing the right strategy. I'm sure that now you've had the chance to help them with their online work, you see what I mean. We will continue this policy next half-term as well.

After the break, we'll also start to study algebra (if  $R = 1.6$  then...), probability (what are the chances of...), problem solving skills (quite a hot topic right now), and how to organize data in a flow chart - go with the flow, go with the flow...

## English

We've been doing lots of reading comprehension exercises recently, and , I have to say, the children are pretty good at them. Something we do need to work on, however, is broadening our vocabulary. This is difficult for children when they don't live in an English-speaking country. We will approach it through exercises, videos and reading.

## Social Studies

Sadly, it's time to leave sunny Ancient Greece and move on to our new topic - evolution! This is a theme that really develops over time. We'll be classifying, sorting, observing, hypothesizing, and, of course, getting up to some monkey business in the classroom (or your home).