

Dear Year 5 Parents,

We have a busy half term ahead of us. Here is a brief summary of what we will be up to.

A main area of the children's learning will continue to be focused around the theme of water and in particular the difficulties some people have accessing clean water and adequate sanitation. We will be working towards a Pupil Pipe Line fundraising event at the end of the half term (or close to the beginning of next term) to help support the charity, Water Aid. This will be preceded by a class presentation all about Water Aid, including the need for this charity, who they help and how they manage to improve and save the lives of millions of people throughout the world. Look out for the promotional materials and information about the event (all produced by the children) coming home in the next few weeks.



In **Literacy**, the children will continue reading *Floodland* and completing writing tasks related to the text (including poetry, news recounts and book reviews). We are just getting to the climax of the story – I'm sure if you ask your child about the book, they will be able to tell you what has happened so far! As previously mentioned, we will also be using our literacy lessons to write persuasive texts, information texts and letters in preparation for our Water Aid fundraising event.

In **Maths**, the children will be learning how to find the perimeter and area of compound shapes made up of rectangles (see image). They will be developing their written methods of multiplication, division, addition and subtraction and using these to solve problem and find out more about the properties of 2D shapes with a particular focus on quadrilaterals.

In **Science**, after we have completed our topic about changes in materials, we will move onto discovering more about the Earth, Sun and Moon.



Homework schedule:

Wednesday: Spelling and Literacy homework given out (to be returned Monday).

Friday: Maths homework given out (to be returned Tuesday).

The children are continuing to read plenty and the majority of the class are on track to reach their Accelerated Reader points target for the spring term – ask your child how far they are from meeting their target. They should be, at the time of writing, at least 60% towards their target if they are **on track** to meet it.

Year 5 will have **PE** twice a week (for some children one of these lessons will be swimming). Please make sure children have their PE kit in school (including pumps or trainers) at all times.

At the recent mid-year parents' evening, it was pleasing to update you on your child's progress and successes as well as discussing areas for further practice and development.

I look forward to an exciting half term ahead and I thank you for your continued support.

Mr Viner

## Earth, Sun and Moon

### Key Vocabulary :

Earth	planet	gravity
Sun	solar	star
Moon	lunar	satellite
sphere	spherical	crescent
revolve	spin	axis
rotate	rotation	orbit
day	month	year
sunrise	sunset	shadow
daylight	appears	sky
hemisphere	Equator	poles