

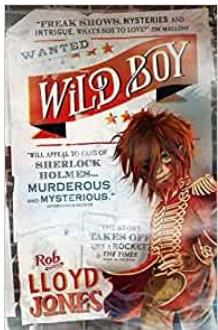
# WELCOME BACK FOR YOUR LAST TERM IN YEAR 5!

I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A LOVELY TWO WEEK BREAK AND GOT TO MEET UP WITH SOME FRIENDS OUTSIDE, EVEN IF IT WAS SNOWY AND COLD IN WEEK TWO!

## Class Novel Chat!

We LOVED our novels last term and I think Boy Overboard was a particular hit. Bibi is one of the funniest characters in any book I think I've ever read!! Talk about this story at home. What happened? Who did you like the best? What did you learn about life as a refugee? Is what happened to this family fair? Would you like to read anything else by Morris Gleitzman?

Our two novels this term are Wild Boy and Macbeth (which I moved because of Lockdown). Wild Boy is set in Victorian England and is the exciting story of a boy covered in hair, who is accused of MURDER, but makes it his mission to find the real killer.



Macbeth is a Shakespeare story about greed and power and



murder. Both of these stories are gripping and exciting! Which one are you looking forward to reading the most?

There has been a slight change in class this term. Miss Dunn, the student teacher who was working in class, has left. Mrs Pickard will be teaching in Year 5 roughly half the time and Miss Gray will teach the other half. For now, Mrs Pickard will be teaching most afternoons, with Miss Gray teaching science one day per week, but this may change as the term goes on. As always, please remember that we are here and even though you can't chat to us face to face, you can call or use the class email anytime. Please do not wait for any issues to become a big deal before you contact me. It's useful for me to know the little things that are going on with the boys and girls in class.

The class email address is: [dtcyear5@tudhoeprimary.co.uk](mailto:dtcyear5@tudhoeprimary.co.uk)

## Reading

We celebrate and encourage reading wherever possible. The kids in class know how much I love reading and I love it when they recommend books to me or suggest new books that are coming out that they think look like something I'd enjoy. This means that we are always buying new books to add to our class library, which is great for me as there's always something new to read! This is not cheap to maintain and it is disappointing when books are not looked after or are not returned to school. Please make sure that all books from school are brought back. Bunny vs Monkey was incredibly popular, so I bought two copies, so children wouldn't need to wait so long for them and we currently have no copies in class and no one reading them. This also means that no one new can read books 2-6 either.

Here are some books I have read and enjoyed recently that Year 5 might like too! They're all in class ready to borrow :) Let me know if you have any new recommendations for me please!



This graphic novel is currently being made into an animated film!!

At the moment, we can't have celebration assemblies, so we aren't giving out Happy Certificates. Instead, I will be sending home Arthur postcards to a few boys and girls in class who have demonstrated an amazing attitude each week. Keep an eye out for the postman as he may be coming to your door with one!



## Time to talk!

Time to talk will continue everyday. Please do continue to send in your photos and news to the class email address and SeeSaw as we all love seeing them!

### Afternoon Curriculum:

The topics for our afternoon subjects are shown below. It would be great if you could talk, or find out any information, about these subjects at home. Feel free to send any information or questions in on SeeSaw or the class email. It would be great to find out what we all know about our local area and where we live already.

For science, we will be mainly learning about the changes that our bodies go through during puberty. All children in class will learn about the changes for both boys and girls and will use the correct terminology for all processes and parts of the body. This may lead to some giggles or awkward feelings, which is completely fine! So far, children have been incredibly sensible, but did have a lot of questions, so knowing they can discuss these at home too would be great.

For PSHCE, it would be great to talk about the different jobs in your family or household and what training or qualifications helped make these careers possible. Most children in class plan to be rich, with mansions and sports cars, but don't understand what might be involved.

### Reminders:

- Our lunch isn't till 1:00pm, so a healthy snack for breaktime is a good idea
- Please send children to school with water bottles, especially as the weather warms up
- PE is still on a Thursday and children need to come to school in kit

### Reading Surveys

Rather than using physical reading records that come back and forth to school, we now use parentmail to monitor children's home reading. Every two weeks, a parentmail is sent out asking you about your child's home reading. Children can do Reading Plus at home as their home reading too. This information is incredibly useful and has already helped us in class, so please do try to fill them in each time—Thank You!

# TOPICS!

GEOGRAPHY	Local area
HISTORY	Tudors
RE	Rituals
SCIENCE	Animals including humans
PSHCE	Careers
COMPUTING	Coding