



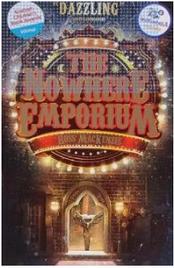
## Class 5 Autumn 1 Newsletter



### Worship

This week our Christian Value is Compassion

The children in Class 5 have made an excellent start to Year 6, performing and enjoying the extra responsibilities being 'top-of-the-school' requires of them all. It has been lovely to witness the growth of strong bonds between each child and their Year R Buddy, and we are grateful for the good behaviours that Class 5 children are modelling and reinforcing during dinner times and on the playground.



Our English learning has been centred around 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie, a magical story involving a world of 'Wonders' – imagined worlds – hidden deep within the shop. The children have sharpened their grammar skills, playing around with expanded noun phrases, varied openers and balancing action, description and dialogue when writing their own stories based on the plot. The quality on show has impressed everyone and we cannot wait to see their next writing outcomes!

Maths lessons have been focused on place value and number properties, such as prime, square and cubed numbers. Because it is vital to support problem solving, the children have also revisited and further developed their calculation skills in the four operations. This sets us well for getting stuck into fractions and related problems in Autumn 2.

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In RE, Class 5 have gained a deeper understanding of what it means to journey through life as a Christian, considering if this is an easy or hard option. It can be a great comfort to know that God is with us always, guiding us when we are faced with hard choices. We looked at how oppression makes practising as a Christian particularly hard in some countries before going on to explore places of pilgrimage. Our map work in Geography helped with this.

The Theory of Evolution and Inheritance was the topic for Science this term which allowed us to explore variation within the class and present our findings in our own, creative ways. Children looked at the White Peppered Moth as an example of evolution through natural selection then investigated which bird beak type would be best for long-term survival. Scissors won the day! Ask them to explain how a fossil is made – they should now know!

Linking to our Science learning, Miss Watson has inspired the children to paint some beautifully detailed Peacocks in watercolours. These birds are surprisingly endangered at present.



The two-week intensive swimming lessons seem a long time ago now, however the children will hopefully remember for a lifetime the strokes, techniques and knowledge they can call upon to keep themselves safe when around water. So competent were they, that they played water polo in the last few weeks! PE has since focused on netball, learning a range of passes and tactics that the children have enacted in small group games.

We wish you all a well-deserved break and look forward to meeting the children again on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** for the first day of the new term.

Mr Pratley and Miss Watson