



My presence will go with
you and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14



Class 5 Spring 1 Newsletter

As I write this, Class 5 have yet to embark on their adventure to Borwick Hall, but I am certain that every child will have returned home weary but happy, with many stories of teamwork, courage, friendship and laughter. All will be revealed in a special assembly upon our return to school after half-term!

Despite the fact that Spring 1 was a little over four weeks in length, the children in Class 5 have certainly worked hard and packed a great deal of learning in.

Our Geography topic up until Easter is 'Extreme Weather'. This is exactly what the children experienced first hand back in January when the snow arrived. After other classes had taken their turn playing with the white stuff, the Year 6 available inch of snow surrounding area to build collaboration of a few goalkeeper snowman, were high that he would dismay when we heard his



the children set to work, eagerly rolling up every from the skipping playground and a small 'school' of snowmen. The groups led to the creation of a giant adorned with donated hat and gloves. Hopes last for some time, so you can imagine the collapse during English just a half-hour later!

In English, Class 5 have immersed themselves in the world of Alex Rider, writing their own versions of an action scene using a range of devices to create tension and move the action on. They then designed their own spy gadgets for which they have written persuasive sales pitches. We are looking forward to presenting these, next term. Public speaking is a focus for us this year and we are planning to build in opportunities for the children to stand up in front of their peers – such as when they put themselves forward for the role of Sports Captain. Well done to Will, Max, Harry and Emily and all who went the extra mile and had a go.



Our RE lessons have focused on the Exodus, leading the children into considering what freedom is and what it means to them. This has linked nicely with worships that have introduced a range of Courageous Advocates – many of whom, such as Hea Woo, have had to practise their faith in secret.

We continue to develop our calculation and problem-solving skills in Maths, where we have used a table strategy to solve ratio problems and are now delving deeper into percentages. Given the weather recently we have been fortunate to have Gymnastics as our topic this term – the children have pulled on all their creativity and collaborative skills to put together small group routines that have included both counterweight and counter tension balances. Lewis, Max and Harry can be seen showing both types together here.



Wishing you all a restful half-term,

Mr Pratley and Miss Watson.