Lots going on before Christmas!
The first half term has passed swiftly and both children and staff are settling in well with their new classes and routines.

We will be focusing on the fantastic book “Varjak Paw.” We read the book in classes last half term and so all of our English work will be drawn from this. Children will be working up to writing their own extra chapter of the book! In week 4, we will have assessment week.

**Maths**

Work this half term will include:
- Multiplication and division
- Problems with calculations
- Measures
- Mental calculation

Should you have any questions regarding the maths curriculum, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Reading**

- All children have a guided reading session with their class teacher every other week
- Children should also continue to bring home reading books regularly and be writing quality comments in their diaries (e.g. feelings about the characters and particular events that they enjoyed or disliked).
- Children will be given one ‘smile’ per week for three or more quality entries, about any of the books that they have read.
- Although children should be writing comments regularly, we still welcome parental comments.
- The main focus for their reading should be comprehension rather than solely word recognition.

**Dates for Your Diary**

**OTHER EVENTS**
- Tuesday 7th November—Year 4 and 5 in Church for Collective Worship
- Tuesday 5th December—Online Safety Workshop
- Friday 22nd December—Break up for Christmas

**Growing Gains**
- Wednesday 1st, 15th, and 29th November.

Work will be taking place in the garden. It would be advised for the children to have warm, outdoor clothing in school as well as suitable footwear if possible.

**Homework**

Maths and English homework continues to be set on a Friday and needs to be signed and returned by the following Wednesday.

Spellings are still sent home and tested on a weekly basis.

All 3 columns of the spelling sheet need to be completed in full.
As you can see, there is a lot happening between now and Christmas. Lots of hard work to be done as well as many opportunities to have fun! It always gets hectic, but in a good way, as Christmas approaches.

Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns in the next few weeks.

With our many thanks,

Mrs Stirzaker, Miss Ward, Mr Murray, Mrs Allen and Mrs Jones

The Year 5 Team