

Diary of **RAVEN** class

Hello, and a **WARM** welcome!

I'm glad you are reading this as it gives me an opportunity to explain a few things before I see you in person in September. It's been an odd time for us all hasn't it; with having to keep your distance from people and queueing outside supermarkets. If you are feeling a little 'wobbly' about coming up to year 5, then that's ok – it's a big step after all!



Where shall I start? Well, how about a picture of me – **Tah-dah!**
Here I am. If you didn't already know, my name is Mr Roddick.



If you have been in school lately, you might be wondering who this person is. Now, you need to understand that this photo was taken before 'lockdown' and I am now a long-haired, bearded gorilla. All being well, I hope to go to the 'gorilla salon' to restore my appearance to what you see here.

Stored in the cupboard at the back of the room is the other class adult – Mrs J.B. This is a picture of her. Mrs J.B. is very kind and helpful, even if she's always making fun of poor Mr Roddick.

Let's see, what sort of things might you be wondering about... **Pencilcases**. Please don't go rushing out to buy pencilcases over the holidays. In year 5 you will find everything is supplied for you, so there's no rivalry between who has the nicest smelling eraser!

Earlier today, I spoke to Maizie, Lorraine, Rosie, Chloe and Henry. One of the first questions they asked me was 'Is the work really hard?' That's a great question which many of you are probably wondering. The answer to that is 'Yes, the work is challenging.' However, Mrs J.B. and I will give you all of the support you need to build your confidence. We don't do easy. There's no point in doing things you can already do, so we will be looking to **STRETCH**  you a little bit more each day so that you become the best learner you can possibly be. We love people who have a 'can do' attitude and are willing to try. If you get things wrong, so what!  That just tells me that you are trying and that is all I ask from you.

Just like you do **Homework** in year 4, year 5 is no different. We will continue to set Home Learning Challenges which, if done well, will be rewarded with Raven Coins which you can spend in the 'Raven Shop' during Golden Time on a Friday.

What else? I'm sure swimming, forest school, library trips and special days out will all happen in time, But, for now, we will have fun getting to know one another in a classroom like no other with lava lamps, twinkly lights, comfy sofas and a friendly atmosphere!

