

Dear Year 5,

I am writing this letter to mark the end of your time in Year 5 and to celebrate all that you have achieved. I am also writing to say thank you. Each and every one of you brought something special to Year 5. This might have been your academic ability, your sporting achievements, your creativity, your sense of humour or your amazing ability to care for those around you. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to teach and get to know each of you this year. I have watched you grow and develop so much as learners. You have produced some outstanding work, overcome challenges, solved problems, worked together and supported each other. Your enthusiasm and curiosity towards learning new things, as well as the interesting questions you ask, make you all brilliant children to teach.

I cannot believe we have nearly reached the start of the summer holidays and the end of your Year 5 journey. Although this is not the end to the year that we were all hoping for, it will certainly be a year that you will never forget! You have shared many amazing memories with each other this year. Some of mine include our WW2 class assembly, our trip to The Black Country Museum and teaching you all how to do The Lambeth Walk! I have particularly enjoyed seeing you develop as writers this year too. It is always a joy to read your written pieces and you should be so proud of the progress you have made.

Not only have you worked incredibly hard in school, but you have also shown how resilient and determined you are during these unprecedented times. Despite the challenges of COVID-19, many of you have continued to expand your skills and knowledge at home, demonstrating what independent, creative and proactive learners you all are. I am extremely proud of how you have responded and adapted to this huge change and for this you should be very proud of yourselves.

During Year 5 you have all developed in so many ways. I have seen you grow in confidence, independence and positivity. You have worked so hard to sustain a growth mindset and because of this you have achieved so much. It has been a privilege to teach you this year and be part of your school journey! I am so proud of you all and I can't wait to see what you all achieve in Year 6! If you take anything away from me this year, let it be this... believe in yourself always – the sky is the limit!

I cannot wait to see you all again in September for a while before your time in Year 6 begins, and I am sure you are looking forward to seeing all of your friends too. I would love for you to write a reply to this letter. Here are some questions I have for you:

What are your favourite memories from Year 5?

Which topics/subjects/lessons have you enjoyed the most?

What are your greatest achievements from the year?

How did you find lockdown?

I hope you have a fantastic summer and a well-deserved rest! A massive well done for this year! Look after yourselves and I will see you soon.

Best wishes,

Miss Guest.