



# Just to let you know...

## Christmas Play

Please encourage your child to learn the lyrics for these two songs for the Christmas Play.

### **Hakuna Matata:**

Hakuna Matata!  
What a wonderful phrase  
Hakuna Matata!  
Ain't no passing craze

It means no worries  
For the rest of your days  
It's our problem-free philosophy  
Hakuna Matata!

### **The Circle of Life:**

From the day we arrive on the planet  
And blinking, step into the Sun  
There's more to be seen than can ever be seen  
More to do than can ever be done  
Some say eat or be eaten  
Some say live and let live  
But all are agreed as they join the stampede  
You should never take more than you give  
In the circle of life  
It's the wheel of fortune  
It's the leap of faith  
It's the band of hope  
Till we find our place  
On the path unwinding  
In the circle, the circle of life

Dear Parents,

Year 5 have had a great week learning more about our topic of 'Mad Monarchs'. We have been learning about the English Civil War and the battle between Roundheads and Cavaliers and why this was an important time in English history - it was the only time in England's history that the country has been a republic.

Next week we are looking forward to play week! The children have been practising their year group song, Hakuna Matata, and the whole-school song, The Circle of Life.

Love Nick, Catherine and Laura x

## Dates For Your Diary

**Mandela and Keller:** Monday 11th (1:30pm and 7pm) and Wednesday 13th (7pm)

**Nightingale and Shackleton:** Tuesday 12th (1:30pm and 7pm) and Thursday 14th (7pm)

**Friday 15th December** - Late Start (In school by 10:30. School will be open at 8)

**Thursday 21st December** 1:45 Finish

## Spelling

Because of the play and the Christmas timetable, we won't be learning a specific spelling rule next week or the week after. However, we will be reviewing some of the rules and patterns that we have learnt so far this term.

Year 5s, which spelling patters can you remember learning about this term?

## English and Topic

This week, we have enjoyed learning about the English Civil War and using iPads to research about Roundheads and Cavaliers. Next week, we are going to continue learning about this important time in British history and create some webpages that other children could use.

## Tudor Day

Tudor Day last week was so fun! Here are some photos of what we got up to at the Banquet.



## Maths

This week we have started looking at 2D shape. We have created our own shape booklets to help us remember key vocabulary. We have had fun discussing the properties of 2D shapes.