Dear Year 5,

How are you all? We hope you have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having once again. We have certainly enjoyed getting our doses of vitamin D from the sunshine when we can.

As many of you might be aware, we would soon be auditioning and casting for the next Shakespeare play... While we can't do it just yet, and need to see what happens regarding the production timeline, we are committed to doing a play and have in fact chosen which one we will be performing! More information about the play will follow, and there will also be some clues from which you can try and figure out which one we have chosen.

In the meantime, be warned: something wicked this way comes!

Whilst we have been at school, the children in our group have been designing and making their own board games which they have then been able to play with each other. They chose a theme for their game first, such as sport, Eco, space, animals, etc and then decided how it might work. They planned them out first on paper and wrote a draft set of instructions/rules; some of them chose existing board games to base them on such as Snakes and Ladders or Monopoly. Once they had planned them, they then started making them, using cardboard boxes, tape, corks and all sorts. Some of them even made their own dice! Once they had finished, they played them with each other and evaluated how well they worked, before making any changes to their original prototypes. The children all really enjoyed the activity and some of them were shown on the school Facebook page. This is a great activity that you could do at home too. You could base it on one of the topics we have learned or even something you are passionate about (you could even do one with a Shakespeare theme!). Have a go and perhaps, when we are back in school, we may get the opportunity to play them with each other.

We still missing each and every one of you - stay safe, Mr Rimmer, Mr Mansfield and Miss Jordan



All Year 5 children

All over Newcastle upon Tyne

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