

Upper Phase Newsletter



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Literacy

Year 5 children have now completed writing their diary entries and letters home which were written in the role of an evacuee. They have focused on using more powerful vocabulary including adjectives, verbs and adverbs to make the writing more effective.

Both groups in Year 6 are following a unit of work called 'The Power of Imagery', which looks at the ways authors use language to create pictures in our minds. In particular they are learning about 'personification' in poems when non-human or abstract things are described as people or animals. An example is **Fog** by Carl Sandburg.

Harvest

We held our school Harvest Festival this week. Both Year 5 and Year 6 recited poems, one about Harvest and one about Autumn. They all spoke clearly and confidently, making us very proud. Thank you so much for your generous donations of food which will be given to St Neots food bank.

Maths

Year 5 have been learning and practising different written methods for subtraction and addition.

In Year 6 Mrs Wright's group have started learning about the properties of two dimensional and three dimensional shapes.

Miss Smith's group have been learning about fractions and their decimal equivalents.

Science

Year 5 have started to learn about the pollination of plants and, to help them, have looked closely at the parts of lilly flowers.

In small groups Year 6 have used books, I-pads and net-books to research how animals have adapted to their environments. Each group has then produced their own fact sheets for display in the classroom. Animals researched have included arctic hares, camels and polar bears.

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. If you have not made an appointment yet, please contact the school office.

Year 6 open evenings

Next week Ernulf Academy and Longsands Academy will be holding their open evenings for Year 6 pupils prior to families making their requests for Year 7 secondary school places. The one for Ernulf is on Tuesday 21st October and for Longsands on Thursday 23rd October. If you have a clash with a parent consultation appointment at Winhills on the Tuesday, please let our school office know as soon as possible so that we can rearrange it for you.