

KS2 Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6

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English

Year 5 have enjoyed role play and drama activities, interviewing characters from their class text 'Tuesday', all of which helped them write great recounts. They have now started a new text and have explored vocabulary relating to 'The Princess' Blanket' before writing a newspaper report about an event in the story. They also created group poems describing settings.

Year 6 finished their poetry unit of work and put together an anthology of their own poems. This has been much admired by visitors to school. They have now begun learning about characterisation through a fantastic novel set in America called 'There's a boy in the girls' bathroom'.

Maths

Year 5 have learnt about the properties of shapes and used this knowledge to calculate the perimeter of composite rectangular shapes. They have worked on understanding multiples, using rules of divisibility to investigate multiples and identifying common multiples.

Year 6 have been focusing on efficient methods for all four operations. They are already becoming much more confident and this will be a real help solving word problems. This week they have been practising factors and multiples and trying to earn more multiplication awards. Good multiplication skills will be really helpful when they work on fractions in two weeks.

Values

This week the children have learnt about how and why we commemorate Remembrance Day. They showed very great respect in our special assembly and two minutes silence on Wednesday.

Last week Year 6 also used the British Parliament website to learn in detail about the Gunpowder Plot and to discuss how beliefs and attitudes have changed since that time. They considered the plot from different points of view and suggested ways in which people could bring about change responsibly.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your support today. The children met Pudsey when he visited school last week and have had lots of fun today.

Science

Year 5 recorded and measured shadows to investigate the rotation of the Earth then, in DT, researched rocket designs before making and testing a prototype with the aim of developing a design plan.

Year 6 completed their investigation into the best packaging for bread. The results seem to indicate that it would be better to wrap bread tightly in cling film rather than keeping it in a plastic box for example. They think that there may already be quite a lot of mould spores (which are micro-organisms) in the box which cause the bread to go mouldy. Using a warm windowsill for the investigation also contributed to the growth of mould.

Congratulations to Year 6 who have now all earned their 'Truly Trusted' badges. They are great role models for the rest of the school.