

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 5 and Year 6

4/3/2016



### English

The children in Year 5 have enjoyed the next chapters of 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' and wrote a newspaper article reporting some of the dramatic events so far. They have been finding lots of wonderful examples of vivid vocabulary and used different ways of starting sentences to write their own versions of Chapter 5.

Year 6 are talented and prolific writers! Last week the children wrote book reviews, thank you letters and information sheets about an imaginary lizard. This week they have worked really hard on creating atmosphere and mood in their writing by making careful choices about vocabulary and sentence structure.

### Maths

Year 5 The children have been learning short written methods of multiplication and division and applied them to problem solving tasks. This week they have enjoyed investigating inverse then used inverse with all four operations of number to solve puzzles.

Last week Year 6 focused on measures – converting units of length, mass and capacity e.g. learning that 1.75 kg is the same as 1,750g. This week, as well as practising their arithmetic skills, they have learnt how to find the area of a triangle and of a parallelogram.

### Science

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Year 6 had a fascinating visit from two magistrates last week who explained how the court system works. The children were fascinated to learn that the age of criminal responsibility is only ten! It was interesting to note the similarities to our school values.

### World Book Day

The whole school gathered in the hall yesterday and enjoyed their very first House Book Quiz. The house captains of Jupiter, Mars, Pluto and Saturn had team members from each year group and answered questions about books they have read this year plus other questions about stories and authors. There was a lot of excitement and eventually Saturn won by just one point. The other Houses all came in joint second place.

Congratulations everyone!

As well as DEAR (Drop Everything And Read), the children loved snuggling down for a bedtime story at the end of the day. There was an impressive array of pyjamas, slippers and dressing gowns as well as some of the biggest teddies ever seen. Miss Smith, for one, loved reading a story to her class but nearly fell asleep herself!