



Year 5 Newsletter

10th January 2025

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful family Christmas time and that the children are refreshed and ready for the new term.

This week in maths, we have worked on short and long multiplication. All the children are confident with the methods now, but several are a little slow, or make errors, because they do not have instant recall of their times tables facts. Please do help your child to become really confident, if they are not already, by regularly calling out questions for them to answer – “What is 6x8?” etc. We do plenty of tables challenges in school, but practising at home makes a massive difference. If children can instantly recall multiplication and division facts, it genuinely will make maths easier for their whole school life and beyond!

In English, we have started to study Shakespeare’s play ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream.’ First, the children wrote a formal discussion text in the form of a monologue, with Hermia considering whether she should marry Demetrius, or run away with Lysander. Then, the children wrote the story of the ‘play within the play’, which has the very catchy title of ‘The Most Lamentable Comedy and Most Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisbe!’



We have a new science topic this term, which is Earth and Space. We began by considering how, in ancient times, people believed the Earth was flat, then looked at the evidence which proves that it is, in fact, a spherical body. In PE, we played bench ball, in Geography the children began to learn about The Amazon, and in RE we are studying the concept of People of God, starting with Moses



Teacher of the Week

In the last week of Term 2, Caleb was a brilliant teacher. He confidently presented his PowerPoint about Formula 1 and ensured that the children had to work cooperatively in their house teams to create a car name and badge.

Home Learning

This week, you will be unsurprised to see that I have sent home another set of daily times tables for the children to complete. They should spend a maximum of 10 minutes on each test, trying to improve the number of questions completed, or the time taken to complete the whole test, each day. New spellings have also been sent home to learn for next Friday.

Important Dates for your Diaries!

- *Monday 13th Jan - First Aid Training*
- *Monday 20th Jan - Young Voices*
- *Tues 21st Jan - Arrive at school for 10:30am start*
- *Thursday 23rd Jan and Thursday 13th Feb - Woodland Learning*

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead