



Year 5 Newsletter

16th May 2025

Dear Parents

On Tuesday, we had our DT day - thank you for providing all the necessary materials. The children made really great musical instruments and I was genuinely impressed with how independently they worked and how they adapted their plans and solved problems as they arose. I'd love to say that when all the children played their instruments together they made wonderful music, but...!





It has been a very creative week: the children have also spent time making lovely pieces of artwork, which will be framed and available to buy at our art exhibition. This will take place during the Midsummer

Music event on Thursday 19th June. Here is a sneak preview of a few of the children's masterpieces!



Other tasks this week have included maths work drawing angles using a protractor, and calculating angles on a straight line and around a point. English work was reading comprehension and SPaG tasks. In geography, the children are learning about migration stories, specifically comparing voluntary and involuntary migration. In computing, the children are working on databases and this week they were comparing data on charts.

A note of warning

Lots of the children have loved watching the musical and/or the film 'Wicked.' Consequently, a few have chosen to read the book 'Wicked' by Gregory Maguire. It looks totally suitable from the cover, but when I looked into it, I discovered that it is intended for readers aged 14+. It transpires that it includes some extremely explicit sexual



references (we were genuinely shocked when we read one paragraph) and other elements that make it most unsuitable for children at a primary school.

Home Learning:

I am sending home another set of daily tables challenges this week. The children have been working hard to learn their times tables, so this should hopefully be completed much more quickly this time. I would like the completed tests returned to school next Friday please. There are also new spellings to learn.

Reminders for next week:

Thursday 22nd May - Woodland Learning

Friday 23rd May - CAT tests

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead