



Year 5 Newsletter

17th January 2025

Dear Parents

The week started with all the children having first aid training. They really loved it and they learnt so much.



In maths, we have done lots of long multiplication this week and we have also started work on short division. Once again, some children are

finding these methods much trickier than they should, because they cannot instantly recall their multiplication and division facts, so I plan to go right back and test children from the beginning. Children will start with 2x, 5x and 10x tables and will not be able to move on until they can instantly recall both multiplication and division facts. I would really appreciate your help with this - Ask, "What is 5x2? What is 18÷2" etc. Children need to be able to give you the answer within about 3 seconds.

In English, we translated some Shakespearean text into modern language. The children also created an imaginative fact file for the magical flower from A Midsummer Night's Dream called love-in-idleness. In science, the children have started to find out fascinating facts about the planets, and in RE we learnt about Moses and the Ten Commandments.

Young Voices

We have spent some time every day this week practising our songs and actions ready for the concert on Monday. We are so excited! A letter was sent home on Wednesday with last minute reminders, so I hope you have seen that. One thing that some children do forget every time we go, is that they need to bring enough drinks with them to last the whole day - one water bottle will not last from 9am until 10pm, especially since singing is thirsty business! I have not received any messages to say that anyone's child will have to be in school at the normal time on Tuesday, so I will expect to see the whole class at 10:30am.



Teacher of the Week

This week, Blake enjoyed teaching everyone about Fortnite. For his task, the children had to work in teams to design a Fortnite 'skin', which I now know means a sort of outfit!

Rock Steady



*Lots of children in our school have lessons each week in a Rock Steady band. Sometimes there are opportunities for children to have a free trial lesson. There is no obligation to sign up for lessons following the free trial. On other occasions, we allow the Rock Steady Music School to carry out interviews for new band leaders at our school and on these days, many children are needed to have a free session just for fun. If you do **not** give permission for your child to take part in free sessions this academic year, please let me know.*

Home Learning

This week, the home learning involves two sheets to practise multiplication facts. There are also spellings to learn for next Friday.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

PS. We have Woodland Learning next Thursday morning!