



Year 5 Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Dear Parents

This week in maths, we used line graphs to solve problems, we read and interpreted 2-way tables and we did lots of work on timetables, first ensuring that the children understood 24-hour clock and that they could work out the difference between two times. In English, we read to the end of 'Journey to the River Sea' and then began our new class text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The children answered some comprehension questions and then wrote a detailed discussion text about whether or not eleven-year old Michael, his parents and their dog should set off to sail around the world. In addition to this, we have focused on co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, pronouns and possessive pronouns, and homophones in our SPaG work

In science, the children continued to learn about forces. They then began our DT project, which is to design and make a musical instrument which makes at least three different sounds. In RE, we learnt about The Five Pillars of Islam and heard the story of Bilal, the first Muezzin. It has certainly been a lovely week weather-wise, so we had two great PE sessions: athletics and rounders. Mrs Ward has begun to teach the children some French, instead of Italian, so they are able to say a few words and phrases when we go on our trip!



Geography Day at The Malling School - Tuesday 6th May

Thank you for returning your permission slips for this trip with unheard of efficiency - every slip came back the day after it was handed out! I did forget to mention in the letter that, since we will be pond dipping as one of our activities, it would be a great idea if the children could bring their

wellies. If they don't have wellies it's not a problem, they can still pond dip from the bank. School uniform should be worn and don't forget, all children will need a packed lunch that day and a water bottle - we are not in school on Monday, so I won't be able to give the usual last-minute reminders.

Home Learning:

- Your child has brought home their DT plan. Their home learning is simply to start to gather all the materials that they will need to make the musical instrument that they have designed - we will not make them until **Tuesday 13th May**, so there is a bit of time. Hopefully, there will be very little expense involved, except maybe things like buying (and eating) some Pringles, or finding a few plastic straws. We won't need the materials in school before Monday 12th May please. Also, they should simply gather the materials - **all** making should be done in school.
- New spellings to learn for next Friday
- Times tables
- Reading daily

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead