



Year 5 Newsletter

25th April 2025

Dear Parents



I hope you all had a wonderful Easter holiday.

This term began in a lovely way on Tuesday, with the fantastic performance of The Railway Children, followed by a workshop. The children really enjoyed it all.

In maths this week, the children read and interpreted graphs, organised data into tally charts and frequency tables, and drew line graphs. In English, they made inferences about characters in our class book, based on evidence that could be found. They also wrote a detailed discussion text. Our new science topic for this term is 'Forces.' We began by identifying forces in action: pushes, pulls, friction, gravity, air resistance, water resistance and buoyancy. In RE, we are learning about Islam this term. We began by considering the children's own journey of life and the five things that they consider they will most need to support them through this journey. The Five Pillars of Islam were then introduced.

Home Learning:

- A reading comprehension task to be completed by next Thursday*
- New spellings to learn for next Friday*
- Times tables*
- Reading daily*

Some important dates:

- *Geography Day at The Malling School - Tuesday 6th May (more details to follow)*
- *Woodland Learning - Thursday 22nd May*
- *CAT tests - Friday 23rd May - These will be administered in a very low-key way. They are carried out on laptops and all answers are multiple choice. No work or revision needs to be done in preparation for the tests and although they are not at all stressful for the children, I won't tell them that they are taking place until the actual day. I wanted to share the testing date with you, as it is the last day of term.*
- *Meetings with Mrs Holditch and Mrs Grinstead - Friday 13th May. On this day, parents will be given the opportunity to meet Mrs Holditch and me, so that we can support you with the decision about whether or not to put your child in for the Kent Test (11+) in September. CAT test results will also be shared at this meeting (although I am happy to also share results with parents who do not wish to meet with us.)*

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead