



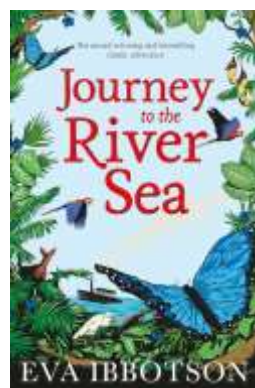
Year 5 Newsletter

31st January 2025

Dear Parents

This week in maths, we completed our unit on multiplication and division, by solving division word problems where the remainders needed to be interpreted to answer the question. We then went back to learning about fractions. After a session where we revised all the fractions learning from last term, the children learnt to multiply two fractions, to multiply a fraction by an integer (whole number), and to multiply a mixed number by a fraction.

At the start of the week in English, the children enjoyed writing their stories about 'Bottom's Dream.' We then started a new class book, 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. It's a great book and it is mostly set in the rainforest in Brazil, so it fits in perfectly with our learning in geography. At the beginning of the story, a young orphan called Maia learns that she is going to live with distant relatives in Brazil. The children wrote detailed diary entries, in which Maia considered all the reasons why she did and didn't want to go. They then wrote a character description of Miss Minton, Maia's governess.



In science, we learnt about the relative sizes of the sun, Earth and moon and about the orbits of the Earth and the moon. I don't think the children were fooled that the 'world famous scientist' Professor Poopenschinken, who taught the lesson, was really my cousin!

Other lessons this week have included basketball and bench ball in PE, learning about people who have brought freedom and justice to others in RE, and more word-processing work in Computing.

Teacher of the Week



Evie was a little bit nervous about doing her 'teacher of the week' presentation, but she was determined to do it and she was fabulous! The children really enjoyed finding out about dolphins and they had a great time designing a dolphin in their house teams.

Class Reward - Thursday 6th February

*In our class, marbles are earnt when the whole class demonstrates great behaviour and when they work really hard. It is a very tall jar and last term the class had an extra playtime, when the marbles reached the 'small reward' line. We have now reached the 'medium reward' line and the children would like to watch a DVD. I propose to show them 'Apollo 13' next Thursday afternoon (February 6th), as it fits in beautifully with our science learning about space. This film is certificate PG, so please let me know if you **do not** give permission for your child to watch it. I confess I caved in to pester power and agreed that the children can wear pyjamas to school that day too! Obviously, jumpers and coats will be needed for playtime and outdoor shoes, although slippers can be worn in the classroom. The children will be working as usual in the morning, just in more comfortable attire!*

Home Learning

- Reading comprehension, to be returned to school by next Friday
- Practise multiplication and division facts for the times tables test that will be given next week (on Thursday or Friday)
- Learn this week's spellings for a test on Friday

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead