

Year 5 Newsletter

Hello parents,

Another busy week! Christmas seems too long ago now. The children have worked hard this week and have produced some fantastic work

In English this week we have continued our new book, which is called the 'Street Child'. The children have written a letter from a character's perspective, a wonderful setting description of the workhouse and they have written an argument about whether Jim should escape the workhouse or not.

In Maths, the children have been working on a variety of mathematical skills. We have been exploring place value, adding and subtracting large numbers mentally, rounding decimals to the nearest whole number, tenth or hundredth and discovering prime factors of composite numbers.

In topic, the children have been learning about children at work in Victorian times, particularly chimney sweeps. We explored the different jobs children did and the reasons why. The children were particularly horrified at the accidents and atrocious conditions the children worked in.

In Science, the children have been learning about the size of the planets in relation to the sun. We created a model solar system using playdough to see the vast difference. The children were shocked to see that Mercury had the diameter of 1.7mm. We then went outside to see if we could place the planets in the school grounds. We managed the first four, but Jupiter was 279m away and out of our reach!

For home learning, I would like the children to complete an information poster on a planet of their choice. This is to be done on an A4 sheet of paper or the computer and made really colourful for displays in the classroom and around the school. This is to be completed on Thursday 19th January 2017.

Best wishes

Mr Deakin