

Friday 9th December 2016

Year 6 letter

Dear Parents,

This week in Maths, the children have been busy solving challenging multi-step word problems. They have also used formulae to calculate the area of triangles and parallelograms. In English, the children have taken inspiration from old Christmas adverts. First, they wrote narrative to describe the journey made by the snowman in the 2012 John Lewis advert. Then the children were shown the 2014 Sainsbury's advert, 'The Christmas Truce.' Although this advert represents events which took place in WW1 rather than WW2, which we have been studying, the children found the whole idea fascinating and they are writing superb accounts of the events. In RE, the children have considered difficult choices that the characters from the Nativity had to make.

The whole of KS2 have been working really hard rehearsing for our Nativity next week, although rather a lot of children have been ill this week, so we are hoping for a mass recovery by Monday. We really look forward to performing for you all next week.

Teacher of the Week

This week's teacher was Megan, who taught the class about horses. She proved to be a natural teacher, clearly presenting her PowerPoint, asking questions to keep everyone involved and testing us all at the end.

Leybourne Grange Nativity

Today we are going to watch and take part in the Leybourne Grange Nativity. It always makes us focus on the true meaning of Christmas and we are really looking forward to it. Thank you to the parents who have offered to accompany us.

Home learning

This weekend, the children have some SPaG home learning to complete. They need to change the word classes of words, changing nouns and adjectives into verbs. The sheet should be completed and returned to school on Monday please.

Spellings

I am including the word list for Years 5 and 6 at the end of this letter. It is essential that the children start using some of these words in their writing, so I want to make sure they are confident at spelling them all. I shall be choosing a selection to test each week.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

Word list – years 5 and 6

accommodate	embarrass	persuade
accompany	environment	physical
according	equip (–ped, –ment)	prejudice
achieve	especially	privilege
aggressive	exaggerate	profession
amateur	excellent	programme
ancient	existence	pronunciation
apparent	explanation	queue
appreciate	familiar	recognise
attached	foreign	recommend
available	forty	relevant
average	frequently	restaurant
awkward	government	rhyme
bargain	guarantee	rhythm
bruise	harass	sacrifice
category	hindrance	secretary
cemetery	identity	shoulder
committee	immediate(ly)	signature
communicate	individual	sincere(ly)
community	interfere	soldier
competition	interrupt	stomach
conscience*	language	sufficient
conscious*	leisure	suggest
controversy	lightning	symbol
convenience	marvellous	system
correspond	mischievous	temperature
criticise (critic + ise)	muscle	thorough
curiosity	necessary	twelfth
definite	neighbour	variety
desperate	nuisance	vegetable
determined	occupy	vehicle
develop	occur	yacht
dictionary	opportunity	
disastrous	parliament	