

Year 5 News

Term 1, Week 1

A snapshot of our week

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Stars of the week

English:

This week, the children have thought about writing descriptively. We brainstormed words associated with rainforests and the children's challenge was to write a paragraph using ambitious adjectives. They were encouraged to use a thesaurus to up-level any adjectives thought of. We also read a chapter of the book we are using in English, 'A Pig Called Henry', which is linked to our history topic 'The Tudors'. The children made comparisons between the life of the main character and their own life and this led to an interesting discussion.

In SPAG, we have learnt about adjectives, nouns (concrete, abstract and collective) and the possessive apostrophe.

Maths:

This week, we have been focussing on place value. The children have been learning to identify the value of each digit in numbers up to 1 million. They have also been partitioning numbers and we have spoken about what 'expanded form' means. The children have had to concentrate hard to make specific numbers with a range of digits given. They have also been practising some of the times tables.

Science:

We are learning about materials and their properties this term. The children were asked to try to figure out what we were investigating by looking at the items needed for our investigation. This led to some great ideas and discussions.

We were trying to find out whether the liquids we had would all freeze.



PE:

The children practised their agility this week, through playing a variety of games. Unfortunately, the rain stopped us from going outside.

Geography:

The children learnt about the equator, The Tropic of Cancer and The Tropic of Capricorn this week - what they are and where they are located. We also talked about continents and established that we live in Europe.

We found out where most rainforests are located.

General notes:

- There will be a meeting about the PESE test (11+) and secondary schools applications in the Year 5 classroom on **Wednesday 19th September at 19.00**
- Our first class assembly will take place on **6th November at 9am**
- Our next Forest School is on **Tuesday 2nd October**

We are in desperate need of a volunteer for Forest School. If you are able to help, please let Mrs Siverland-Bishop or the office know. Many thanks.