

25th September 2020

Year 5 Letter

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children worked on negative numbers, then since we had completed our first block of learning about Place Value, they completed an assessment task. Our next block is Addition and Subtraction, so the children used a column method to add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits. Finally, they rounded numbers to estimate and approximate. In English, we started the second Tudor book in the series we are reading, which is called 'A Horse called Deathblow.' The children wrote a letter from the main character, who is now working for Henry VIII, to his mother. They also wrote two contrasting descriptions of Henry VIII - they certainly enjoyed writing the less flattering one! In science, the children carried out an investigation to test the permeability of a range of different materials. In History, we learnt about about clothes worn by rich and poor Tudors, then wrote a comparison between Tudor and modern clothing.

Teacher of the Week

Our second volunteer to be 'Teacher of the Week' was Luke, who gave a fantastically confident presentation about cycling. He had created a detailed PowerPoint and the children enjoyed finding out about different types of cycling, before drawing a bike of their choice.



Investigating the permeability of different materials



Home Learning

As usual, the children should be reading every day. Please encourage your child to write in his/her reading record book as this is the only way I can judge how much reading is being done. They should also be constantly practising times tables - division as well as multiplication facts. Spellings are also being sent home weekly - hopefully they were a bit more manageable this week! For those children who are very good spellers, they can also start to learn words from the Year 5/6 spelling list, which were sent home last week.

Secondary transfer

It was good to have the opportunity to share information with parents about secondary transfer during the Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening. Along with this letter, you should have been sent the document referred to in the meeting, which gives information about different schools. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead