

11th December 2020

Year 5 Letter

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children have revised all the mathematical learning that has taken place since September, then they completed an arithmetic and a reasoning and problem-solving assessment. They then practised written methods for addition and subtraction, including decimals. In English, we finished reading 'Varjak Paw' and the children wrote a persuasive advert and a newspaper report. They then worked together to have a debate about which are best, cats or dogs! The children have loved this book and were very interested to discover that there is a sequel, so if you want to buy your child a little extra present to go under the tree, I can recommend 'The Outlaw Varjak Paw' by SF Said. In history, we learned about Queen Elizabeth 1 and had to consider decisions she made about marriage, religion, foreign policy and poverty during her reign.

In our final gymnastics lesson for this term, the children enjoyed making increasingly challenging balances, considering tension and extension, and holding the balance still for 5 seconds. Here are some examples...





Teacher of the Week

This week, George Cole taught the class all about Cool Crystals. He had prepared an excellent presentation and he delivered it clearly and confidently. The children had a rather challenging word search to complete as their activity. One of the things I enjoy most about 'Teacher of the week', is finding out about interests and talents that the children have, which I didn't know about. If your child has not yet been the 'teacher', please see the list of dates at the end of this letter.



Congratulations George Cole!

George took his Grade 3 Piano exam and passed with a Merit - this is extremely impressive!

Woodland Learning

Our two Woodland Learning sessions for next term will take place on Thursday 14th January and Thursday 4th February. Both sessions will be from 9:15am to 11:15am. As usual, any offers to help from volunteers who have been CRB checked, would be most gratefully received.

Home learning

There will be no more home learning until January - everyone is exhausted! However, it is essential that the children read almost every day - this is certainly not the case for some children at the moment. Also, children must continue to practise their times tables, multiplication and division facts, or they very quickly become rusty.

One week to go!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

Teacher of the Week

Please plan a talk about any subject that interests you, lasting **up to 20 minutes**. You may make a PowerPoint presentation to use if you would like to. If so, save it onto a memory stick. It makes it more interesting for the class if you have pictures or objects to share and it is also excellent if you have a **quick** activity for the children to be involved in. I look forward to learning something new!

Thursday 7 th January	Xander
Thursday 14 th January	Lily
Thursday 21 st January	Joe
Thursday 28 th January	Will

<i>Thursday 4th February</i>	<i>Evan</i>
<i>Thursday 11th February</i>	<i>Lewis C</i>
<i>Thursday 25th February</i>	<i>Chloe</i>
<i>Thursday 4th March</i>	<i>Alfie</i>
<i>Thursday 11th March</i>	<i>Maisie</i>
<i>Thursday 18th March</i>	<i>Sienna</i>
<i>Thursday 25th March</i>	<i>Daisy</i>
<i>Thursday 1st April</i>	<i>Jake</i>
<i>Thursday 22nd April</i>	<i>Poppy</i>
<i>Thursday 29th April</i>	<i>George Currie</i>
<i>Thursday 6th May</i>	<i>Emma</i>
<i>Thursday 13th May</i>	<i>Rhys</i>
<i>Thursday 20th May</i>	<i>Lewis L</i>
<i>Thursday 27th May</i>	<i>Greta</i>
<i>Thursday 10th June</i>	<i>Harry</i>