

4th December 2020

Year 5 Letter

Dear Parents

*This week in maths, the children were finding the area of irregular shapes. They completed an end-of-unit assessment on Area and Perimeter and did some arithmetic revision. In English, the children wrote a powerful description of a fierce dog, then planned and wrote a long recount, from the perspective of Varjak - the main character in our class reader. The children are having to prove to me that they can write neatly **all** the time, in order to earn the right to write in pen after Christmas - it is proving to be a powerful incentive! In science, we found out about some inventions made by famous scientists, including Spencer Silver, who invented the low-tack glue for Post-it notes! We had another really enjoyable gymnastics lesson, with the children creating ever more ambitious group balances, and in music we watched a film about this year's 'BBC Ten Pieces'.*

Woodland Learning

We had a super Woodland Learning session today. Since it was our last session before Christmas, we made a fire and made s'mores - the children loved them! Many thanks to Mr Gladwell and Mrs Lake for helping out.





Teacher of the Week

This week Megan talked about a very popular topic - Cadbury's chocolate! She gave a clear presentation, ending with a quiz, then had a competition to draw a chocolate bar.



Home learning

I loved receiving the children's research about Queen Mary 1. This week, as usual, the children need to read daily, learn their spellings for Friday's test and practise their times tables. This should be done on TT Rockstars, as we are taking part in a 'Top of the Rocks' competition against the other schools in our collaboration next week. In addition to this, there is a maths sheet to practise finding the area and perimeter of squares and rectangles. The children need

to remember that to find the perimeter, they should add up the lengths of all the sides, and to find the area they should multiply the length by the width. This sheet should be returned by Thursday 10th December.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead