

Year 4 Newsletter 10th May 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to be able to get outside a little more with the children and enjoy the sunshine. It meant that we could enjoy an early morning session of cricket on Tuesday and not have to wrap up warm. The children are enjoying learning their cricket skills and I can see some budding cricketers in the making. This term we are also completing some athletics activities on a Friday afternoon.

I have been so impressed this week with the children's ability to recognise money, make amounts of money using a variety of coins and to convert between decimals (pounds) and pence. The children were using their knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 100 to support their learning this week. I also gave them a short assessment on fractions and decimals and was really pleased with the information they had retained from the last few weeks lessons.

In English this week, the children have been planning a new chapter for 'Jungle Book' with their own character. They used a story mountain to think about introducing their character, creating a problem for them to solve and finding a way to resolve the problem at the end of the story. The planning sessions always involve the children taking some of the vocabulary they have used and then finding more mature vocabulary that could be used instead with a thesaurus.

On Wednesday afternoon, the children learnt about menstruation and why this happens during puberty. They were given the opportunity to ask any questions openly about any of the topics we have discussed. I was impressed with some of the questions and how, after initial giggles, the subject was discussed with a good level of maturity. I emphasised that although we have finished the subject for now, should they have any concerns that they wish to discuss at any point, every adult is happy to talk to them.

We will rearrange Woodland Learning to the end of term, as there are SATs on in the hall next week and so the outside area needs to be completely quiet.

On Friday, the children went on a mini-beast hunt to look in a variety of habitats and see if they could identify the mini-beasts living in them. The children had fun lifting logs and looking under leaves and plants.

On providing verbal feedback to the children during writing sessions and through marking, I have noticed that the children need to keep revisiting their homophones and so this week I am sending them home for all of the children to learn. Thank you for your support with this.

This week, I am sending home a sheet of maths for the children to complete, which enables them to show you how well they have done with this in class this week.

Thanks,

Mrs Ward and Mrs Phillips

Spellings: (for all children)

Their, there, they're, hear, here, where, wear, too, to, two, son, sun, one, won, of, off, know, no.

