



Year 5 Newsletter

15th November 2024

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children did lots more work converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers, until they were really confident. We moved on to looking at number sequences with fractions, before starting to compare two fractions by finding common denominators - this is tricky and it will take a few lessons to really master.

In English, the children wrote pieces of narrative titled 'The Hunter,' which built up tension. It was only in the final paragraph that the hunter and victim were revealed to be a cat and a mouse! The children worked incredibly hard and were very proud of the writing that they produced. They also wrote a set of instructions for how to catch a pigeon.

In science this week, we looked at the features of houses. For each feature, the children said what material it was made of, what the properties of that material are, and why those properties make it suitable for its purpose.

This week is Anti-Bullying Week. In PSHÉ, the children acted out scenarios and created acrostic poems on the theme of respect. Year 5 led a whole-school Act of Worship on this subject too.

Today, the children have designed a Tudor purse or money pouch. They will be making them on Monday. They also had fun playing team games with balloons in the hall, as the theme of this year's Children in Need is 'Make Life Lighter.' Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

Reverse Advent Calendar

In Mrs Holditch's newsletter, you will find out all the details about the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which we are doing again this year, to collect lots of items for the Hygiene Bank. Today, your child will bring

home a sheet to tell you the date on which it will be their turn to bring in a donation. Anything hygiene-related would be great, such as toothpaste, shower gel, deodorant or toilet rolls. It's absolutely fine if you'd rather send something in before your child's specific date, we will just be really grateful to accept anything that you'd like to donate.

Teacher of the Week

One of the things I love about doing 'teacher of the week', is that we get to find out all about the children's interests, hobbies and skills. This week, Nevaeh gave a super presentation titled 'Gymnastics - In the life of a competitive gymnast.' She clearly explained each page of her PowerPoint and showed us her many medals and her trophy. We watched a video of Nevaeh in action - she is incredibly talented! She continued by demonstrating the importance of doing stretches and then there was a class quiz. It was great!



Home Learning

The children have been given a reading comprehension to complete this week. If your child finds reading difficult, it is fine to read the story with them and discuss the questions together. It should be completed by next Thursday please.

A reminder...

We have Woodland learning next week on Thursday 21st November.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead