



Year 5 Newsletter

24th January 2025

Dear Parents

Young Voices

I have been lucky enough to have taken part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 lots of times and I have always had a great time. This year, however, was undoubtedly the best ever! We had great seats and the children were an absolute delight to take. We all had the most wonderful experience and I hope those of you who were able to come and watch, also really enjoyed it.





This week in maths, the children have continued to work on the 'bus stop' method for short division. They have divided numbers that have remainders and solved division word problems, including those that require the remainder in the answer to be rounded up or down. We have tested all the children individually on their 10x and 2x tables, asking them to recall multiplication and division facts within 3 seconds. If they were able to do this, we also tested them on their 5x tables. Most children were fine multiplying, but some need to work on recalling division facts more quickly. I have sent home with your child the test that we will give them next week. I would really appreciate it if you could keep testing your child, until they can answer really quickly - I'm confident that this shouldn't take too long. We will continue to give the children one test a week, moving onto the next test, as soon as they are really confident.

In English this week, the children wrote a detailed setting description of the woods where 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' takes place. We then

finished the play. At the end, the character Bottom believes that it has all been a dream. On Monday, the children will be writing their own story called 'Bottom's Dream.' In their own story, Bottom's dream can take him anywhere they like and lots of exciting things can happen before he wakes up. We started thinking about possible stories on Thursday and the children brought their planning sheet home to complete for home learning. Please remind your children that they will need their completed plans in school on Monday.



Thursday's Woodland Learning session was great fun, as always. We came in just in time to avoid the heavy rain. Despite a late night on Monday, the children seemed to have plenty of energy left!

Teacher of the Week

Maisy gave a great presentation about horses this week, ending with a quiz. She was really knowledgeable and was able to answer everyone's questions, including those from the adults, who were all very keen to learn about the working life of a farrier!



Home Learning

There are a few home learning tasks this week:

- *'Bottom's Dream' story plan - to be back in school on Monday (The children should just write notes for ideas, or plan in pictures if they prefer, but should definitely not write their story in full)*
- *Practise multiplication and division facts for the times tables test that will be given next week (on Thursday or Friday)*
- *Learn this week's spellings for a test on Friday*

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead