



Year 5 Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I can't believe we are finally at the end of Term 1 - it's been a mighty long one! On the other hand, I am absolutely loving teaching this class of children, so really don't want the year to pass too quickly.

This week in maths, the children continued multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We then worked on multiples of 10, 100 and 1000. For example, to calculate 60×3 , then children first calculated 6×3 , then made their answer 10 times bigger... $6 \times 3 = 18$, so $60 \times 3 = 180$. Or to calculate $4800 \div 6$, the children calculated $48 \div 6$, then made the answer a hundred times bigger... $48 \div 6 = 8$, so $4800 \div 6 = 800$.

We only had one main English lesson this week, in which the children needed to correctly use speech punctuation to write a conversation between two characters in our class book. We had our final RE lesson focusing on the concept of God, before completing an assessment task to demonstrate how much the children have understood. The children had four questions to answer in detail. Before answering, we shared some ideas and the children were allowed to look back in their RE books too. Then they had to draw a picture as a response to all the work we have done about God this term. The results were incredibly pleasing.

In science, we carried out an investigation to discover which solids dissolved, so were soluble, and which were insoluble.



Today, we spent much of the day doing Sex and Relationship Education. After a few inevitable giggles, the children were really interested and sensible, so I hope they have learnt a lot. Apologies if you are faced with a few awkward questions this weekend though!

Reading Champions!

Congratulations to Sophie N, Jen, Josh and Henry for being the first four children to read 50 times. Their reading caterpillars have travelled all the way around our display and have now changed from yellow to purple. Some children say they read all the time, but forget to record their reading in their record books. If this is the case with your child, please help them to remember - as I have explained to them, we can only move their caterpillars on, if they let us know they have read by filling in the record book. I love to see completed book reviews in the other book too, every time a child completes a book.

Teacher of the Week



This week, Isla taught us lots of fascinating facts about the Origins of Halloween. She asked questions and then the children had a great competition to crack a code. There were treats for everyone at the end. Well done Isla!

Home Learning

I apologise that the maths sheet from last week was not sent home until Monday. Consequently, I said the children did not need to complete it until after half term. The only other home learning the children have

been given, is to learn the words for the Hairspray medley ready for Young Voices. It's easiest to do this by singing along to the soundtrack on the Young Voices website, or on Youtube.

I hope you all have a wonderful week off,

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead