



Year 5 Newsletter

29th November 2024

Dear Parents

It certainly feels like Christmas is coming in school! We have started rehearsing the songs for our KS2 nativity in earnest, as there are a lot to learn, but there has been plenty of time for hard work too.

In maths, we are continuing our fractions work. The children have compared and ordered fractions greater than one, added and subtracted fractions with common denominators, and added fractions with different denominators. In English, the children did a reading comprehension assessment, the results of which I can share with you in the parent consultations next week. They wrote a detailed descriptive recount and we have read to the end of 'Varjak Paw.' We still have one more written task related to the book to complete next week, but the children have certainly enjoyed the story. If you'd like an idea for a small extra Christmas present for your child, there is a sequel to this book, called 'The Outlaw Varjak Paw' by SF Said.

Other lessons this week have included hockey and yoga PE sessions, designing a lunchbox to keep food cool in science, learning more about oceans in geography and continuing to look at the 'Big Bible Story' in RE.

Teacher of the Week

This week, Jen was a very confident teacher when she gave her presentation about Harry Potter. For her task, the children got into their four house teams and together they had to design a



new team name and badge for Hogwarts. It was a great exercise for having to work cooperatively.

Home Learning

The children have one more week to complete their home learning to research and find out about the life and reign of Elizabeth I. Completed work should be returned to school by Friday 6th December please.

A couple of reminders!

- We have our next Woodland Learning session on Wednesday 4th December 2024.*
- On Friday 6th December we will take part in the Leybourne Grange Riding School Nativity. Your children will need a packed lunch that day, lots of extra clothes to put under or over their uniform, and comfortable walking shoes that can get a bit muddy. If you have not returned your child's permission slip, please do so ASAP.*

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead