



Year 5 Newsletter

4th April 2025

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children found the area of compound shapes and irregular shapes. We also had a revision lesson to go over areas of maths that we haven't done for a while. In English, the children wrote recounts in the form of letters and they wrote excellent newspaper reports, imagining a scientist had just discovered that giant sloths are actually not extinct after all. In science, we looked at metamorphosis, specifically at the life cycles of butterflies and newts, and in RE our end-of-unit assessment task was completed.



We've also had some fun this week, with a fantastic Rock Steady performance from lots of the children in the class, a great Woodland Learning session and an Easter egg hunt.



Some children actually caught a fish in the stream

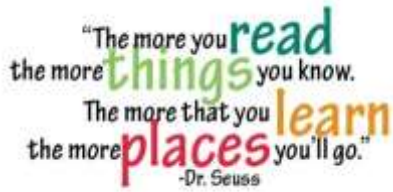


Others accidentally went for a swim!



Teacher of the Week

Lília had prepared her 'Teacher of the Week' presentation ages ago, so she was more than ready today. She told everyone all about Jamaica with great enthusiasm and there was a good quiz at the end.



Reading Recommendations

At the consultation meetings, some parents asked if I could recommend any books for their children to read. There are many wonderful books out there and since children's interests vary widely, rather than recommend specific books, I have put links here to some good websites where good quality books can be found.

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-5/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/year-5/>

A plea!

The children started the school year with pencil cases full of resources. Now that we are two-thirds of the way through the year, many of the pencils have been used and sharpened to stubs, pens have run out of ink and a few rubbers etc have been lost. The children are bringing their pencil cases home with them and it would be greatly appreciated, if you could replenish them ready for the start of next term.

Home Learning:

The children have worked so hard this term and I am really proud of their attitude towards their learning. I have decided not to set any additional homework over the Easter holiday, but reading and learning of times tables should definitely continue please.

Have a wonderful holiday - fingers crossed for lots of sunshine and chocolate!

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead