Year 5 Newsletter

15th October 2021

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children continued their work on statistics. They used line graphs to solve problems, read and interpreted tables, and used two-way tables and timetables to find information.

In history/English tasks, the children firstly wrote explanation texts about why we know more about rich Tudors than poor Tudors. They then found out about King Edward VI, who was only nine years old when he became the monarch. They had fun writing commands that would have to be obeyed if they were the king or queen of the country. Our English moved on to study a new text - Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' The children showed a great understanding of the beginning of the story and wrote a detailed, formal discussion text in the form of a monologue. The character Hermia debated whether she should marry Demetrius, or run away with her true love, Lysander. Finally, the children found out about the 'play within the play', where a group of actors put on a play with the snappy title of 'The Most Lamentable Comedy and Most Cruel Death of Pyramus and Thisbe.' The children have planned their own versions of this story, which use all the same characters, ready to write on Monday.

Other learning this week included carrying out a scientific investigation to discover which materials are magnetic. We concluded that magnetic materials are always metal, but only some metals, like iron and steel, are magnetic. PE lessons focused on gymnastics and football.

Teacher of the Week

This week, Nadesh gave an extremely informative presentation about Red Pandas. The children enjoyed completing her colouring sheet too.



<u>Home Learning</u>

This week's home learning is to reinforce our maths lessons about interpreting tables and timetables. The sheets should be completed and returned to school by Friday 22nd October please, which is the date that the heraldry home learning is also due.

Best wishes,

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