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# Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents

*This week in maths, we completed our work on fractions by solving lots of word problems related to finding fractions of amounts and quantities. We then began our new 'Decimals and Percentages' unit, beginning by looking at decimal numbers up to 2 decimal places and decimals as fractions. In English, the children completed two quite complex, detailed pieces of writing related to our class book. The first was a discussion text about whether our main character should continue her adventure into the rainforest, or go back to safety with her governess. The second was an argument based on this statement; *The characters of the twins in Journey to the River Sea have been based upon the ugly sisters in Cinderella.* A reading comprehension assessment was also carried out.*

*In science, the children learnt about gravity and the difference between weight and mass. They then carried out an investigation. In PE this term, we are playing netball and doing gymnastics. We had a great gym lesson this week focussing on balance, counter-balance, tension and extension. The children worked together to create some very impressive balances!*





### Teacher of the Week

*This week, Lilly gave a fabulous presentation about dogs, speaking really loudly and clearly. There was then a great game of dog bingo, before a special surprise guest arrived - her dog Poppy!*



### PSHE

*In PSHE lessons with Mrs Burling, the children are learning about various aspects of healthy living. On Monday, she will tackle the topic of alcohol. If this may be a problem for any children, please let us know on Monday morning.*

### Home Learning

*For home learning this week, I have given the children six copies of our tables challenge. They should do one each day, noting the time it takes to complete, and trying to get increasingly quicker. If the children find their tables challenging, rather than completing the sheet each day, they should see how many they can complete in ten minutes, this time trying to get more done each day. I cannot express what a difference it makes to the children's ability in so many areas of maths, if they have instant recall of multiplication facts.*

*Best wishes,*

*Louise Grinstead*