

Year 5 Newsletter

25th March 2022

Dear Parents

This week in maths, we have continued our work on decimals, including working on thousandths as decimals, rounding decimals and ordering and comparing decimals.

In English, we completed our class book 'Journey to the River Sea'. The final piece of written work was a diary entry. After that, we did some fun written tasks about 'Wonderful Wizards'. The children created their own wizard character, wrote a rhyming wizards' duel and wrote a recipe for a wizard's potion.

We did a fun science friction investigation on Thursday, finding out which materials would make the best brake pads for a scooter.



Teacher of the Week

This week, Tristan made an excellent teacher. He gave a confident, expressive presentation about dinosaurs. Everyone listened very carefully, keen to do well in his quiz, in order to have a chance of winning the prize in his 'mystery box.'



Reading Recommendations

During our recent parent consultations, a few parents said it would be useful if I could offer some recommendations for good books for the children to read. Rather than just providing a list, I have some good websites to look at with your child. This way, you can both see what the covers of the books look like, click on them to find out more information and, in some cases, there are direct links to purchase the books. It is always great if the children can recommend books to each other that they have enjoyed. I know, for example, that a few children have enjoyed reading "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Rauf. Also, if children are happy to share books with each other, then that is a great way to keep costs down. If you send any finished books into school to share, I shall ensure that I keep a good record of who has which book. Happy Reading!

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year5>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

<https://www.explorellearning.co.uk/blog/recommended-reading-lists/>

Woodland Learning

We had a wonderful, warm, happy morning of Woodland Learning. The highlight was the 'regatta' of boats being sailed down the stream, which the children had made for home learning. Thank you, Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Shed, for your help.



Colour Run

What a great time everyone had doing the Colour Run! We hope to have raised lots of money for wonderful charities.



Home Learning

This week, I would really like the children to focus on reading every night for a good 20 minutes. I would like them to be able to recommend a book that they have really enjoyed. They should be able to tell the class a bit about the plot of the book and why they enjoyed it so much.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead