

Year 5 Newsletter

6th May 2022

Dear Parents

This week in maths, the children have found complements to 1 - two decimal numbers which add together to make a total of 1 whole. They have also solved lots of word problems relating to adding and subtracting decimals with the same and different numbers of decimal places. In English, the children wrote an informal diary entry and descriptive narrative, with a focus on emotions. In science, the children learnt about the different groups of mammals: placentals, monotremes and marsupials. The class really enjoyed their first computing lesson about concept maps. They physically created a concept map on the playground, with the children and a ball of wool, before moving onto the laptops.

Teacher of the Week

This week, Isabella was a very organised teacher! Her topic was Art Techniques and she told us all about the history of the pencil and the pen, which was fascinating. Every child was then given a pencil and a biro to draw a picture, half with pencil and half with biro, to see which they preferred. There were prizes for everyone!



PESE meetings

Appointment times have now been allocated for these meetings - please frisk your child's bag, if you haven't received yours! There are still spaces, if you have not requested a meeting, but would like one.

Geography morning at The Malling School

On Tuesday 17th May, we have been invited to spend a morning having lessons with Mr Ryder, a geography teacher at The Malling School. The theme will be fieldwork enquiry, comparing existing knowledge of tropical rainforest with primary data gathering of our local ecosystems. This will entail observations of animal life, possibly bug sweeping and pond dipping (from the bank) and analysis of vegetation, along with other abiotic features such as temperature and precipitation. We will start in the classroom for a check of existing knowledge and re-cap followed by outdoors activities.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the class. There will be no cost involved and The Malling School will provide transport using their minibuses. Children should wear school uniform. We will leave school at 9:00am and return by 12:00noon. I will assume that you are happy for your child to take part in this activity morning, unless you inform me that this is not the case.

Well done Evie!

Evie has achieved her karate blackbelt 2nd Dan. That's very impressive indeed!



Home Learning

This week in DT, the children started to design a musical instrument that could make at least three sounds. The plan is to make these instruments and use them to create a rainforest-themed composition!

They have brought their planning documents home and the following sections should be completed by next Thursday:

- Designing: design criteria for my product
- Designing: ideas for my product
- Designing: presenting my selected design idea (detailed, labelled diagram here)
- Making: selecting the tools, equipment, materials and components

The rest of the booklet will be completed in school. I have asked the children to ensure that their design is for something that they can realistically create. One child's idea, to make a bang with dynamite, was unsurprisingly vetoed! Before booklets are returned next Thursday, I have asked the children to make a list of the items they will need, so that they can gather them at home - for example, a tissue box, a yogurt pot, pasta...

We have some items - sheets of cardboard, glue guns, paint, sellotape etc, but the main items will need to be provided please. I intend to make the instruments with the children on Wednesday 25th May, so please send your child in with their bits and pieces on that day.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

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Year 5 PESE Consultation Meetings

Friday 17th June 2022

Name :..... Child's name:.....

I would like an appointment to talk to Mrs Holditch and Mrs Grinstead on Friday 17th June 2022.

Please tick one box:

I would like a morning appointment (8:30am to 12 noon)

I would like an afternoon appointment (12 noon to 4:00pm)

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(This will be completed and returned to you)

An appointment with Mrs Holditch and Mrs Grinstead has been made for you on Friday 17th June at

