

Year 5 Newsletter

24th September 2021

Dear Parents

Well, this has certainly been a week like no other! Clearly, the dreaded Covid has struck Year 5. At the beginning of the week, I was teaching in the classroom and at home simultaneously. Nobody was more surprised than I was at quite how successful this was! Then, rather inevitably, I needed a PCR test for Covid myself, so had to start teaching from home. This is slightly more difficult, since I am not in front of the class and do not have access to my large white board, but it is a very familiar process after previous lockdowns. As I write, I am still awaiting my test result, but as long as I continue to feel well (I am totally fine at the moment) I shall teach live lessons on Teams, which will be accessible for those in school and children at home who are well enough to participate. If I have to stay at home next week, Mrs Spratt and Mrs Burling will be in school, supporting the children to complete the tasks that I have set. Those children at home can upload their work on Teams for me to look at.

This week in maths, we compared and ordered numbers to one million, did lots of work on negative numbers and revised the written column method for addition. In English, the children wrote some narrative which included lots of speech, to practise the correct use of speech punctuation. They also wrote an alliterative poem, an informal letter and two contrasting descriptions of Henry VIII. In history, the children compared the clothes worn by the Tudors, with the clothes worn by people in modern times.



Other work included devising and carrying out an investigation to test the permeability of materials in science and the creation of artistic masterpieces inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy!

Teachers of the Week

Our first volunteer to be the teacher was Bea. She gave an excellent presentation about her hobby of bouldering - she is clearly very brave! The children enjoyed creating a design for a special climbing shoe.



The second teacher was Matthew D. Unfortunately, I missed his presentation, so I will be asking him to show it to me on my return. However, I have been reliably informed that he had created an impressive presentation about animals and wildlife,

ending with the children having a task to draw their own animal.

Home Learning

We will leave spelling tests until I am back in school. This week, a letter went home to all children about our Remarkable Reading initiative. For home learning, I would like the children to find a really unusual place to read and have their photo taken reading in that location. Please email photos to the school office and they will be forwarded to me to print and display.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead