

Year 5 and 6 News



Friday 27th November 2015

News:

Over the past few weeks, year 6 have helped to plant 60 new trees in our school grounds. Some of the younger year groups have been supporting them in this. It is a lovely lasting memory that they can leave with the school, which the other children will be able to see grow over the coming years.

Year 6 also had a visit from two Magistrates this week. It was fascinating to learn how a courtroom works and about the importance of being a good citizen in our country.

Literacy

Year 5 have been looking at various types of procedural texts, such as instructions and directions. The children have been dissecting different types of instructions and deciding on what key features need to be included, and what language is necessary (or not) when giving or following a set of instructions.

Year 6 are now nearing the end of Pig Heart Boy. Over the past couple of weeks their focus has switched to writing persuasively, both as newspaper journalists and as animals rights protesters. They've been considering which features of this style of writing are most effective.

Science

Year 5 are continuing to study a range of lifecycles of different species as well as compare and contrast them with the lifecycles of different animals they have already investigated.

Year 6 have just begun a new topic where they will be investigating light. In the first couple of sessions, they have investigated sources of light and how different materials block or absorb light.

Numeracy:

Year 5 have been looking at different strategies in multiplication as well as working with prime and composite numbers. The children also have been working on finding factors and multiples of different numbers.

Year 6 have spent a week looking at ratio and proportion, and a week investigating different types of measures. Through these topics, they are continuing to develop their problem solving skills as they consider a wide range of problems in context.

PE and Sport

Year 6 have been continuing to develop their physical and teamwork skills through football and bench-ball. This week they had a small-sided tournament which encouraged good use of space.

Some of our year 5s and 6s represented the school in another football match this week against Crosshall. Well done to all of those who played!

Reminder

Now autumn has arrived, please make sure that the children have coats and wellies at school each day. Wellies will now be used regularly, especially as we go for our autumnal 20minute walks.

This week, the children's literacy homework is to practise and learn their words for the Christmas performance. It's only a couple of weeks away now!