

Year 5 and 6 News



Friday 16th October 2015

News:

It is hard to believe that we already only have one more week left until half term. We have been very impressed with how years 5 and 6 have settled into this year and it has been a joy to see them growing in their understanding and abilities. This week we had an assembly to introduce Children's University. We hope that as many children as possible will take part in this excellent opportunity.

Literacy

Year 6 have just begun to read *Pig Heart Boy*, written by Children's Laureate, Malorie Blackman. The children have been taking on the roles of different characters in their writing and considering how they would respond to some of the dilemmas in the story.

Year 5 have completed two rounds of TUSC and the children have done exceptionally well! We have continued on with our Literacy Circles and the children are becoming independent in their book talks. The children have begun writing persuasive letters to Mr. Willy Wonka to let him know that they are the best choice to win a Golden Ticket.

Science

Year 6 have carried out an investigation into who has the largest lung capacity. The children had to design their own fair way of exploring this question and then carry it out. When they had completed it, they were able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of their investigations.

Year 5 are continuing to learn about plants. We have been looking at the lifecycles of flowering and non-flowering plants, and comparing and contrasting their similarities and differences.

Numeracy:

Year 6 have been continuing to work on their written methods; this week focussing on division. They have also spent a week looking at exploring the properties of 2d and 3d shapes in detail.

Year 5 have finished learning about adding, subtracting, and multiplying decimals and even creating their very own word problems. This week we have started looking at different angles. We are learning to estimate and measure various angles with a protractor.

PE

Last week years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an afternoon of sport on the field. The children were put into teams and then competed in cricket, rounders and dodgeball throughout the afternoon. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon to bring our summer sports to a close. We will now be focussing on tag-rugby, netball and football up until Christmas.

Reminder

As we reach autumn in the coming weeks, can we please ensure that the children have appropriate clothing each day. Children should have wellies and sunhats with them everyday and it will soon be reaching a point where warmer coats, hats and gloves are required. Once again we would remind you to **name all items of clothing** as so many clothes still remain unnamed, especially in PE kits.