

Year 5 and 6 News



Friday 2nd October 2015

News:

Years 5 and 6 have both enjoyed getting stuck into the curriculum this year and enjoyed a range of investigations in different subjects. The children have also been enjoying our 20 minute walk each day. It is great to see them chatting with each other and also having the opportunity to talk to them.

This week we had a very informative assembly with St John's Ambulance where the children were reminded of some key messages to remember in emergencies.

Literacy

Year 6 have been continuing to look at a range of fiction genres. At the end of last week, the children wrote their own short stories in a genre they had enjoyed throughout the previous weeks. This week we have begun to focus on detective fiction and have created our own fictional detectives.

Year 5 have been delving into various Roald Dahl texts and learning about his unique writing style. The children have begun their guided reading where each group is reading a different Roald Dahl story. Each group is given the opportunity to discuss their reading with their peers.

Science

Year 6 have been investigating on the how the heart pumps blood to the whole body and how our breathing changes depending on what we are doing. The children now have a deeper understanding of the reasons for this. Year 5 have had an exciting start to science this term. The children arrived at school to find they had 5 new caterpillar friends that they can watch grow into butterflies. The children have also been studying the lifecycle of plants.

Numeracy:

Year 6 have been developing a range of both written and mental calculation skills over the past two weeks. They have then been using these to explain and solve problems.

Year 5 have been continuing to learn about place value and decimals. We have begun counting in decimal steps and soon will be looking at multiplication and division with decimals.

Homework

It's been fantastic to see the literacy homework starting to come in and we have been impressed with the quality. It has also been good to see that so many of the children are reading very regularly at home – this helps them so much in their development as readers and writers.

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.