

UKS2 Newsletter

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Wow! Another term has flown by and, as we head into this February half term, it's time to reflect on all the super learning that we've completed this term!

English

In English this term, we have been exploring the wonderful book 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. All of our learners have been thoroughly engaged in this excellent book. We learned about xenotransplantation and wrote discussion texts where we debated the ethical decisions behind transplanting a pig heart into a young boy.

Year 6 have been working hard on including brackets, commas and dashes and other examples of high level punctuation like semi-colons. Alongside this, they have been focussing on the formality of their writing. Year 5 have been focussing on using expanded noun phrases and even accessing some Year 6 targets!

Later in the term we explored a wonderful explanation text called 'Until I met Dudley'. We explored how everyday things really work and created our own explanation texts that explained how an Xbox, phone or laptop really works! Both Year 5 and 6 created their own explanation texts full of information and humour!

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Maths

In Year 6 Maths this term, we have been busy securing our fractions knowledge and we have also studied translation and reflection. Fractions is a huge topic and we have worked so hard to learn how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions. These are key for us to know as we will come across questions using these skills in our arithmetic SATs test! Here is a question to try at home!

In Year 5 Maths, we have been revising and building on our knowledge of how to compare, order, add and subtract and multiply fractions before simplifying them in their lowest form using our knowledge of equivalent fractions. We have explored fractions outdoors and in the classroom and have become super mathematicians in this area!

Lily and Zac both work on a homework project.

Lily: I spent $4\frac{1}{4}$ hours a week for 4 weeks doing my project.

Zac: I spent $2\frac{3}{4}$ hours a week for 5 weeks doing my project.

Who spent the most time on their project?

Explain your reasoning.

Ranjit is multiplying fractions by a whole number.

$\frac{1}{5} \times 5 = \frac{5}{25}$

Can you explain his mistake?



Our Trip to 'We The Curious'

On Thursday 31st January, we enjoyed a day out at 'We The Curious'.

Throughout the day, we were able to explore the 2 levels of science exhibits, take part in a fossils and evolution workshop and visit the planetarium for a 3D space show. Each and every one of us was able to learn something new and be amazed by the world of science!

Year 6 Camp – Updates

We are delighted to announce the team that will be supporting Year Six on camp this year.

The superb camp team will consist of: **Mr Stephenson** (the camp lead and teller of bad jokes); **Miss Campbell** (our designated first aider and cheerful guide); **Miss Bloomer** (our ray of sunshine); **Miss Plummer** (our friendly trainee teacher); **Mrs Fielding** (the veteran camper) and **Mr Young** (our resident footballing maestro).

All of the six staff that will be supporting the Year Sixes are thrilled to be attending camp!

Our Mountain-inspired art work!

In UKS2, we have been learning about watercolour techniques. We experimented creating different effects such as wet onto wet, wet on dry, drybrush, graduated wash and many more. We then chose the techniques we wanted to use for our landscape pictures and combined this with previous learning on line techniques. We have layered the images to create our final piece. Come and take a look at our display!

Year 5 Swimming

This term, Year 5 had the opportunity to go swimming. We wanted to extend a huge thank you to our local leisure centre who were incredibly supportive in helping us swim 25 metres if we couldn't already and challenging us if we could!

Overall, we all had some super afternoons!

Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 26th February – year 5 Pedestrian training
 4th and 6th March – Parent Consultations
 7th March – World Book Day
 15th March – Red Nose Day
 27th March – Mother's Day Lunch
 Friday 5th April – End of Term