


Year 5 - Term 4 Celebration Newsletter



We have had another great term, with the children really working hard to further improve their writing. As last term and this term have been short terms, we have continued work on our topic UK Explorers. The children have been continuing to develop their map reading skills and have enjoyed finding out even more about the UK. Similar to last term, we have received a huge number of brilliant home learning projects. Well done year 5 and keep up the fantastic work! In addition, year 5 were given the opportunity to perform on stage for the Medway Music Festival due to their hard work with their singing. They sounded really fantastic and behaved impeccably. Thank-you to those of you who were able to attend.

Continuing our UK Explorers topic, we have used atlases to study the UK, and programs such as Digi-Maps to look at the differences between villages, towns and cities. We have also used Digi-Maps to study how Hoo has changed over time. Our compass reading skills have improved by going outside the classroom to practice this and identifying compass points in the school playground.



Science work this term has continued to focus on **forces**. We have studied gravity, water resistance and friction and we were able to conduct our own investigations around these including a boat building competition. Well done to the children who were able to create their boats – they were impressive!

In Maths this term, we have revised calculation methods, angles, 3D shape and problem solving. The children have also been introduced into Monkey Maths groups where they revise key skills every Monday morning. We urge children to keep up their work on their times tables at home.

In English we have worked on narrative stories and looked at the poem *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes. Children had the opportunity to explore items from the poem through our story sack and even write a diary entry from one of the character's perspectives.

To support us with our story writing, we have been watching the silent film *'The Piano'*. This has helped to inspire us to write some really lovely stories based on the events in the film. Children have used drama to help imagine what may have been said between the characters, which supported them when they came to write the story.



Medway Music Festival

This term some schools were invited to perform on stage at the Central Theatre in Chatham as part of the Medway Music Festival. 30 children from year 5 and 31 from year 4 performed on Tuesday 15th March in front of a large audience (including some very proud parents!). A huge well done to the children – they sounded amazing!



A sneaky peek into next term....

In Term 5 we are going to be looking at Britain's grizzly past focussing on **crime and punishment**. We will be learning about the torturing Tudors, Anglo-Saxon laws and also Victorian prisons during our history lessons. In English we will be continuing to work on our writing targets, looking at legends and report writing. In Science we will be looking at animals including humans. In PE, we will continue to build on our stamina during our circuit lessons with the class teacher and continue to develop our games skills with Miss Williams and Mr Wrobel.



Crime and Punishment vocabulary:

judge- a public officer appointed to decide cases in a law court.

jury – a body of people (typically twelve in number) sworn to give a verdict in a legal case.

court – a body of people presided over by a judge, judges, or magistrate.

trial – a formal examination of evidence by a judge.

treason – the crime of betraying one's country.

pillory – a wooden framework with holes for the head and hands.

General class information:

PE will be on **Fridays** and then **Thursdays** (for Lions) and **Mondays** and **Fridays** (for Sharks). Please note: we cannot allow anyone to take part with earrings in.

Maths – we will continue to work in classes, not in sets.

Spelling and grammar – we will continue setting for this on a **Tuesday**. Spellings will also be given by the group teacher **at the start of each term**. If you wish to help your child with their spellings, please ensure their folder is back for the **test on Tuesday**.

Please could you remind your child to bring in their planner and water bottle.



Please do arrange to see us with any questions.

Miss Simmonds Miss Mills