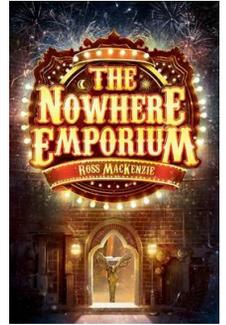




Year 5 – Term 2 Celebration Newsletter



We have had another great term, with the children really working hard to further improve their writing. The children have been further developing their map reading skills and have enjoyed finding out even more about the UK. Similarly to last term, we have received a huge amount of brilliant home learning projects. Well done year 5 and keep up the fantastic work! We've adored our class reader this term which has been 'The Nowhere Emporium'. This book has allowed us to be really creative and show off our Year Five writing skills!



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. Also we have used Digi-Maps to study how Hoo has changed over time. We were really shocked to see how the land has changed. Ask us about **Nucleated**, **Linear** and **Dispersed** settlements! We have been securing our compass reading skills, going outside the classroom and some of us have even begun to use six-figure grid-references to find locations on a map!



In Maths this term, we have revised calculation methods, fractions and problem solving.

After spending a good deal of time on fractions, we have experienced some real success and look forward to building on this knowledge throughout the year.

The children felt very grown up showing off their knowledge of the bus stop method for division and the long method for multiplication.

The children have also been introduced to the new 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 – most are still practising their 2, 5 and 10 times tables under time pressure!



Year Five have loved their science learning this term – Earth and Space! We have explored our **solar system** and particularly paid attention to how knowledge of the solar system has changed over time as new **evidence** was gathered. We used our bodies to act out how the planets orbit the sun which helped us to realise why it takes longer for some planets to orbit the Sun than others – they have further to travel! Each time the Earth revolves around the Sun, one year has gone by.

Contrary to what it looks like, we learned that the Sun does not actually move across our sky – but Planet Earth simply turns (meaning we go past the sun)!

We learnt that we live in a **heliocentric** solar system (ask us what that means) and that there are in fact 8 planets – not 9!

Crime and Punishment

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 forces. In our PE lessons we will continue to build on our stamina during our circuit lessons and continue to develop our games skills in lessons with Mrs Paul 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 **Mondays** and then **Tuesdays**. Please note: we cannot allow anyone to take part with earrings in.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER children need to be bringing in their planner daily with evidence that they have been reading 5/7 days of the week to ensure they make the best progress possible. 

Also, each day children need to bring in fresh water in their water bottles.

Please do arrange to see us with any questions.

Miss Lewis, Mrs Spencer & Mrs Paul