

# Year 5 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful week we've had!

Although we have only had 4 days at school this week, we've certainly fitted a lot in.

This week has made us all appreciate how lucky we are to have such a vast school field! Particularly since it provides a plethora of natural habitats for wildlife - perfect for mini beast hunting! On Wednesday afternoon, Year 5 were 'let loose' with the challenge of finding as many interesting mini-beasts as possible. Exploring the vegetation, children and teachers were amazed at the finds taking place!

Children shook trees, overturned decaying logs, troweled soil and peeled back bark to make some amazing discoveries. Some of the creatures that we weren't expecting to find amongst the vegetation included newts, unusual breeds of spiders and centipedes as well as the more common mini-beasts such as woodlice, slugs, snails, beetles, worms and ladybugs.



During English, we have been compiling non-chronological reports based on our chosen insects. These have ranged from Giant Japanese Hornets, Botflies to Black Emperor Scorpions. Amongst the writing skills being developed are embedded clauses, relative clauses, parenthesis, subordinating clauses and paragraphing, as well as the expected punctuation, spelling and grammar. Each child has their own targets which we encourage you to discuss with your children.

On Thursday, we thoroughly enjoyed our outing to the 'Close Encounters' workshop. Following an enjoyable summer's afternoon stroll, children were able to get up close and personal with an African Tarantula, Yellow Python, Giant African millipede, large Tortoise, Flat Rock Scorpion and a gigantic Lizard.

We were also lucky enough to be invited to see the centres new 'bug house' which enclosed several species of poisonous spiders, lizards and bullfrogs.





Today, Little Reddings hosted Cancer Research's 'Race For Life'. Year 5 took pride in writing their own messages of support which was really moving! After running 1km around the school field, everybody was presented with a medal. Well done, everyone!



## Homework

Children have been given their weekly homework - please ensure it is returned by Monday. Homework club is now held on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Tong and Mrs Malam.