

Year 5 Newsletter

2.2.18

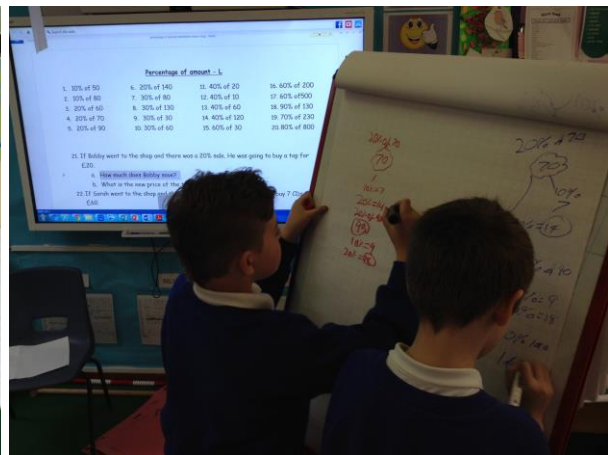
Dear Parents/Carers,

We returned to our classrooms on Monday, amazed that some of our carrots and bulbs had grown significantly! We are beginning to realise that those bulbs and carrot tops placed in a sunny position are growing at a faster rate than those with less sunlight. We are busy recording the data on our charts.



Across Year 5 we are examining features of instruction texts which is allowing us to improve the structure of our sentences. Some of us are working on our presentation, as well as spellings and punctuation, while others are considering how we can use parentheses to provide the reader with extra detail. Each child has their individual targets which we urge children to share with you in order to influence their success with their goals.

During Maths, we are encouraging children to explain and justify their answers through verbal and written reasoning. Here are some of our mathematicians using pictorial methods to reinforce their understanding.



Many children are continuing to reach their Accelerated Reader targets. We have independent reading time every morning and afternoon in order for children to develop their reading and comprehension skills. Every child has their own reading level and a target which we all need to encourage them towards. We want all children to read for pleasure and encourage children to choose books (especially at home/libraries) which genuinely interest them. These could be comics, magazines and newspapers. We recommend choosing subjects that they are interested in such as sport, nature, history etc. If you would like any recommended book lists for our year group, please speak to a member of Year 5.

Year 5 have been lucky enough to receive a new addition to their stimulating reading corner. We try to create a place where children can relax whilst they are reading for pleasure.



Supporting learning at home

The curriculum now expects all children to confidently recall all times tables up to 12 by the end of Year 4. Please encourage (and take part) in developing your child's times table knowledge if they don't yet feel confident in this area. All Year 5 students have been given usernames and passwords to access 'Times Table Rockstars' in and out of school. Please speak to Mr Wells if you require any help with this, or any times tables resources to help your child learn at home. If your child is very confident with times tables, they could practise the inverse operation! E.g. What is 64 divided by 8?

Homework

- Reading at least 10 mins per evening.
- Practise times tables
- Learning weekly spellings

Notices:

On Monday we will be walking to Bushey Meads School for their production of Grease!
Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Woodrooffe and Mrs Tong