

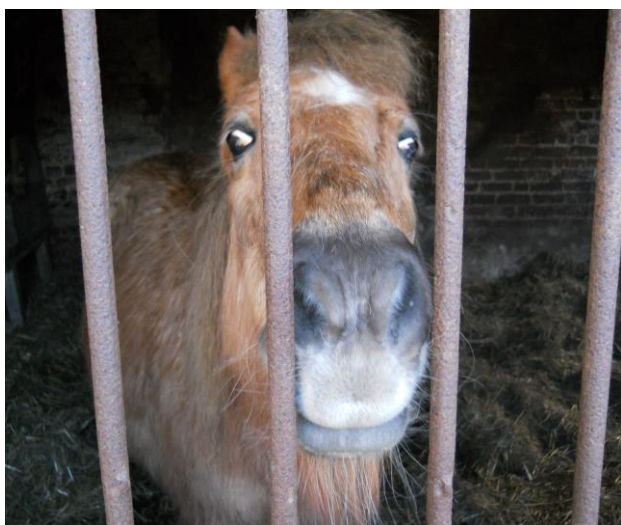
## Year 5 Newsletter

26.1.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fun week we've had! The big highlight was our amazing trip to Woodoaks.

After learning about different types of farming in the UK, Year 5 were able to put their knowledge to the test at the farm. We were so lucky with the weather. Here are some pictures of the day..



Back at the classroom, many of our carrots are beginning to sprout! On Day 5, Jack recorded growth of 5cm!



Over the course of the next couple of weeks, Year 5 will be collecting their data, interpreting it, and writing up their findings. The beauty of this type of learning is that it is cross-curricular. The children can contextualise their learning which is purposeful, stimulating and rewarding. Before long, they will also have cress and mint to take home that they will have cultivated themselves!

Today sees our tulip bulb experiment. We are investigating how light and dark affects the growth of a tulip bulb. The data will be collected at regular intervals using measuring skills and some of us will be writing instruction texts (based on our investigation) to develop our sentence structures. We will also be deepening our balanced argument skills.



Children are continuing to 'Wow' us through the results of their weekly '3 Minute Times Table Challenge'. Certificates are awarded to the top five scorers in each class which increases their competitive instincts. The children show real eagerness to compete and endeavour to improve their weekly score.



### 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! Eg. What is 64 divided by 8?

### Homework

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

### Notices:

**Please return all PGL permission slips ASAP. The deadline is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Woodroffe and Mrs Tong