

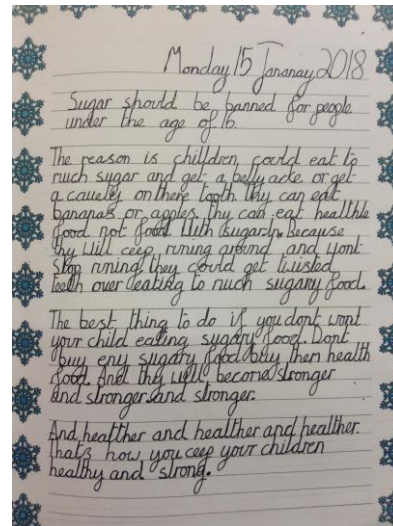
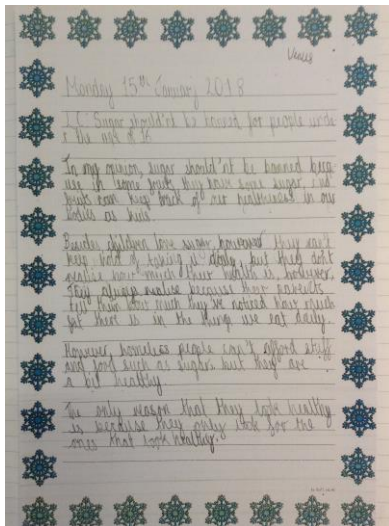
# Year 5 Newsletter

19.1.18

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week...

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the very relevant subject of healthy eating. Using their research, pupils wrote their 'cold tasks' using the proposition: 'Sugar should be banned from children's diets'. 'Cold Tasks' allow us to accurately gauge how good an understanding the children already have of persuasive literary techniques which helps us to identify the next steps required for their successful learning. We will be encouraging them to apply the scientific understanding gleaned through our Healthy Eating focus during our Topic lessons.



Our investigation this week involved finding out whether root vegetable cuttings can regrow when placed in water. We made our predictions and will be using our maths skills to record measurements over time. Our next experiment will be to see how light effects the growth of a tulip bulb!

Many of our children have been developing their fraction skills which range from finding equivalents, adding using the same, and different, denominators. We encourage children to provide written reasoning in their maths books (which most find very challenging). This allows pupils to explain, reason and justify their methods using sentence starters such as, 'I noticed that', 'I know that', 'This is correct because' and 'I wonder'.

As part of our push to promote mental arithmetic to support our general mathematical understanding, we are encouraging the children to use their skills in mental maths wherever possible. A great way in which we can support the children in doing this is when out shopping - chn can be asked to make mental calculations about how much is being spent as items go into the basket. Any 'real-world' activity which gives the children practice in any of the four mathematical operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) will be an invaluable aid towards their progress and ultimate success in Maths.

We are all really excited about our upcoming trip to Woodoaks Farm next Thursday. Can we please urge you to return your child's permission slip by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan at the latest!



### Supporting learning at home

We know how busy evenings and weekends can be. We are really keen to have the biggest impact on your children's learning and would love to provide you with resources that will help to support any skills that need developing/practising at home.

### Homework

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

### Notices:

**Year 5 trip to Woodoaks Farm is on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please bring Wellington boots and a waterproof jacket.**

**We are still collecting plastic drink bottles (no smaller than 1litre) in order for each child in year 5 to grow their own bulbs. In addition could each child bring in a yogurt pot type container/ similar so that we can grow our own cress?**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Wells, Mr McMahon, Mrs Woodroffe and Mrs Tong