

Year 5 Weekly Update - 13/1/2023

We would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are all so grateful for the lovely gifts teachers and teaching assistants received for Christmas and would like to say thank you. The children have had a great start to the new term by starting our new sessions with Watford Football Club about living a healthy lifestyle, these will take place every Tuesday until half term. We were also very lucky to have our trip to the Harry Potter studios!

Our Trip to the Harry Potter Studios

The children were excellent ambassadors for St Anthony's on the trip. It was an amazing experience that was enjoyed by all. Another big thank you to our parent helpers that came with us.

RE

We have been looking at our topic of 'Mission' in RE. The children have been looking at the different ways Jesus was inspired by the teachings of Isaiah and have created some great freeze frames of this. They have also looked at how Jesus' mission can inspire us to have our own Mission and how we can start this.

Vocabulary: diocese, bishop, inspired, mission, ecumenism, gentile, cathedral.

Maths

We have started our Multiplication and Division topic by looking at the method of formal multiplication. The children have been fantastic at laying out their columns to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. Next week, we will be continuing this by looking at multiplying 4 digit numbers and moving onto short division.

Vocabulary: multiplying, formal method, regrouping, carrying.

Get ahead: Recap the method of short division:

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/what-is-short-division/>

English

This half term, we are focusing on the genre of 'Mystery and Suspense'. This week, the children have been reading 'The Watertower' by Gary Crew. We looked at the different techniques that the author used to create tension and suspense in this story. The children then extended the text by writing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the main characters. Next week, we will be moving onto a new text, 'The Boy in the Tower'. If your child has a copy at home, we would really like them to bring it into school with them on Monday so they can read along.

Vocabulary: Tension, suspense, mystery, first person, past tense.

Get Ahead: Look at the front cover, what could the story be about?

Science

This half term we will be learning about 'Forces' in Science. The children have had an introduction to what forces are and have identified some of the main forces we will be looking at. Throughout our topic we will be looking at gravity, friction, water resistance, air resistance, levers, gears and pulleys.

Key Vocabulary: forces, Newtons, Newton meters, gravity, resistance, friction

Watford Football Club and Tennis

We are very lucky this half term as we are having sessions run by Watford Football Club about healthy living every Tuesday afternoon. This will consist of 45 minutes theory and 45 minutes outside activities. We will also have tennis sessions with classes alternating every Thursday. These will start with Lisbon next week.

Reminders

- Children need trainers for PE. In the wet weather lots of children are sensibly wearing boots to school but these are unsuitable for PE lessons, please ensure children have trainers in school so they can fully take part in these lessons.
- As the weather continues to be cold please ensure children have a pair of grey joggers in their PE kit.
- We would appreciate any donations of tissues.
- Term ends on **Friday 10th February** at **2.30pm** for half term. School will be closed on **Monday 20th February** for staff training.

Pupil of the Week

LISBON: Lana: a good start to the new half term.

Henry: a positive attitude to learning.

PADUA:

Isabella - For consistent effort in English.

Victor - For your enthusiasm in Science.

Have a lovely weekend,

Bella, Hannah, Catherine, Maria and Shannon



CONNECT

Make some 'compliment slips' for everyone in your family or your class or both!

Using a small slip of paper, write something positive about that person which will make them happy.