

Year 5 Weekly Update - Friday 12th January 2024

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break, it was so nice to see all of the children and hearing about the exciting things they have been doing. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for the cards and gifts we received from the children.

Forest School

On Monday, the children really enjoyed taking part in forest school. This will take place each Monday, so please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate clothing. Each week we will add a section about forest school where Emma, the forest school leader, will inform you of that week's activities.

It was lovely to be back at St Anthony's for the new year and meet the new Year 5s. They had a really challenging weather day today with temperatures dropping and they did so well, enjoying the snow flurries.

We started our sessions today with our welcome chant, counting, shouting to our sycamore, hawthorn and budleigh trees and our name game. The children thought of ways to share their name with alliteration and an action. We hope that they will grow in confidence with this routine as the weeks go on.

After introducing our rules, we showed the children a selection of natural objects found on the site including a sycamore leaf, a hawthorn leaf, yarrow, plantain and lichen. They explored the site trying to find all ten items, using their observation skills and supporting one another as they located the different items.

Next, we played a fast paced game to warm our bodies up called Hunter, Fox, Mouse. This game focussed on the children making quick decisions, using their voice and playing against as many different members of the class as possible. We were impressed with their ability to call out when they needed a new partner in order to play as many people as possible.

Once our bodies were warm, we zipped up our coats, put up our hoods and huddled together at the log circle to listen to Emma tell the story of Facing the Giant. This story tells of a lady who faces the giant even though she hears terrible things about him and he is much bigger than her. As she gets closer to him, he gets smaller and smaller until he eventually disappears. Year 5 were able to guess that the Giant was called 'fear' and he shrank and disappeared as the lady bravely faced him, even though she was scared. We thought about times we have done something even though we were scared and realised it was not so scary after all.

For the rest of the session, the children explored in their own chosen way to meet their needs. Lots of children enjoyed balancing and bouncing on the slackline, challenging themselves to not fall off. Some children were keen on using the long logs, working with their friends to build dens, tying the logs together with rope and using the mallets to embed them into the ground. We also had some children who met their creative needs, hollowing out Elder with palm drills to create beads and using willow branches and wool to make dream catchers. These tasks were particularly challenging in the cold weather, but the children persevered and were pleased with their efforts. Finally we had some children who were into exploring and digging in the Earth, uncovering a variety of different stones.

At the end of the session, we gathered back together to warm our bodies up with some singing and action songs including 40 Years on an Iceberg (it felt like we were on an iceberg today!), The Button Song and In the Forest.

We are looking forward to seeing the Forest School journey that the Year 5 children will go on this half term.

Have a great week,

Emma

RE

We have begun our new 'Mission' topic in RE this week and the children have been thinking about inspirational communities. They learned about Ely Jansen and how she strived to help others; using her as inspiration the children came up with their own charities and made action plans focusing on how they would help the community.

Vocabulary: Mission, inspiration, community, charity, apostle.

Get Ahead: Next week's lesson will be based on Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Weekly Mission

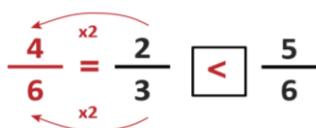


Maths

We have continued our topic on fractions this week.

Lisbon: The children have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, as well as adding fractions with a total greater than one. e.g.: $2\frac{3}{4}$

Padua: The children have been comparing fractions using the greater than, less than and equals signs. They have been using their knowledge of equivalent fractions to give accurate answers e.g.

$$\frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \boxed{<} \quad \frac{5}{6}$$


They then moved on to ordering fractions.

Vocabulary: Mixed number, improper fraction, denominator, numerator

Get ahead: Next week we will be looking at subtracting mixed numbers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9kyp4j#zn9fcxs>

English

The children cracked a secret code and discovered that the novel we will be focussing on is 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone' by J.K Rowling. This week, we have read the first few chapters, getting to know the new vocabulary and characters. The children enjoyed writing their own Howler letters!

Vocabulary: fantasy, prediction, recommendation

Get Ahead: If your child has a copy of 'Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone' at home and would like to bring it into school to follow along when we read in class, then they are more than welcome to. Please ensure it is named.

Reminders

- Children wear their own clothes to school for forest school every Monday. Please ensure they wear layers and waterproof clothing depending on the weather.
- Children need to begin bringing in winter PE kits (grey tracksuit bottoms) for their outdoor PE lessons.
- Please ensure all children have plimsols in school.

- We would greatly appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues, many thanks in advance!

Pupil of the Week

Year 5 Padua

Alex- for his work in Maths this week and eagerness to challenge himself.

Year 5 Lisbon

Chrisitina - For making an effort to put up her hand in our lessons this week and giving great answers.

Natitalia - For her effort in Maths this week.



Have a great weekend,

Hannah, Amy, Catherine and Magda

Five Ways to Wellbeing

CONNECT

Make some 'compliment slips' for people 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 in this long month of January.