

## Year 5 update

### R.E

In R.E this week the children have been writing diary entries from the perspective of a Muslim child during Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr thinking about the significance of these occasions within the Muslim faith.

Next week we will be starting our next R.E topic Transformation. They will be learning about how energy can be transformed and be used for good.



### English

This half term, we are studying the play 'Macbeth'. The children created a story mountain, including all of the main elements of the plot. We created our own heath scene by making the room dark and adding our own stormy sound effects. The children enjoyed creating the correct ambience for the scene when Macbeth and Banquo meet the three witches. The children will be using this to write a description of the heath as a director for their set designers.

Key vocabulary: Act, scene, Macbeth, Banquo, tragedy, William Shakespeare, heath, setting

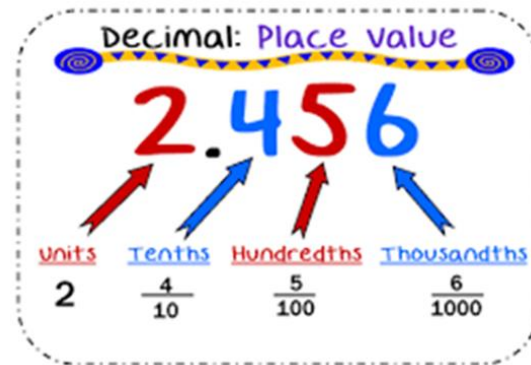
Get Ahead: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/english-ks2-macbeth-index/zkxcbdm>

### Maths

In our Maths lessons this week, we have been continuing our work on decimals and fractions. The children have been learning about thousandths this week (the third number after the decimal point). They have been taught how to show a thousandth as a fraction, a decimal and on a place value grid. Please see the example below.

$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$	.	$\frac{1}{10}$	$\frac{1}{100}$	$\frac{1}{1000}$	$\frac{1}{10000}$
Thousands	Hundreds	Tens	Ones	Decimal Point	Tenths	Hundredths	Thousandths	Ten-Thousandths
1000	100	10	1	.	0.1	0.01	0.001	0.0001

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**Key vocabulary:** Decimal, decimal point, place value, fraction, equivalent, tenths, hundredths, thousandths

**Get ahead:** Next week we will be learning about ordering and comparing decimals.

### Geography

The children have been coming to the end of their topic on rivers. They have looked at a range of paintings, photographs and maps of the Isle of Dogs based on a meander on the River Thames. They studied how the Isle of Dogs changed from 1747 to present day and the big part the river played in these changes with the introduction of the West India docks and then its closure in the 1980s.

The children will be moving on to study flooding in Bangladesh and use their findings to write an explanation text.

**Key vocabulary:** meander, Isle of dogs, satellite images, marsh, mud flats, creek, river, flood

### **Water Bottles:**

We have noticed that there are an increasing amount of children who are bringing very expensive water bottles in to use at school. Please could children keep these at home as we are concerned that if they are lost or damaged they will be very upset.

### **Extra information:**

- Monday 6th May Bank Holiday - school closed
- Thursday 9th May Ascension Day - Crowning of Mary at 9.15am - see newsletter for details
- Wednesday 22nd May Key Stage Two ( Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Padua classes Sports afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm - parents welcome. This is weather dependent.
- Thursday 23rd May Key Stage Two ( Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 ) Lisbon classes Sports afternoon 1.30 - 3.30pm - parents welcome. This is weather dependent.

***Sport's Afternoon: This year for sport's afternoon we are inviting the children to wear a t-shirt in the colour of their house team. St John Paul - yellow, St Kizito - red, St Hildegard - green and St Teresa - blue.***

- Thursday 23rd May - Foodbank donation day
- Friday 24th May Early Years classes - mass in the Nursery Garden - 9.15am.



## TAKE NOTICE

Take notice of the different displays around our school. What do the displays tell us?  
What do they help us to learn?

Do you notice any words and phrases that you might find in the Bible?