

Year 5 update

R.E.

Topic: Prayer and Covenant

- Children sorted through the rules that the Israelites lived by during slavery, and then compared them with the commandments given after slavery.
- They discussed how the commandments help people to live good and happy lives.

Key Vocabulary: Sabbath, honour, in vain, covet

Pre-teaching:

Next week's learning will focus on *Matthew 22:36-40*. You might like to share this passage with your child beforehand and discuss their thoughts together.

English

Topic: Writing to Entertain

Book: *Cloud Tea Monkeys*

- Children identified examples of sensory language within the text.
- They explored figurative language, including personification and similes.
- They wrote a short descriptive scene using adverbials and sensory details.

Key Vocabulary: tea plantation, Himalayas, fragrant, delicate, compassion, figurative language, personification, metaphor, simile.

Pre-teaching:

Next week, the children will focus on the main character and write a detailed character description. In preparation, you could ask them what they know already about the main character and discuss adjective that could be used to describe her.

Maths

Topic: Decimals

- Children added decimals together to create complements of 1 — for example, $0.34 + 0.66 = 1$.
- They compared numbers to two and three decimal places using the greater than and less than symbols ($<$, $>$).
- Children practised writing decimals as words. At first, many wrote 0.506 as "zero tens, five tenths, zero hundredths, and six thousandths." They then learned that a more efficient way to express this is "five hundred and six thousandths."

Key Vocabulary: decimals, tenths, hundredths, thousandths

Pre-teaching:

Next week, children will continue their learning on decimals, focusing on ordering and rounding decimals.

Science

Topic: Mixtures and separation

- Children identified factors that affect the time taken for sugar cubes to dissolve.
- They planned a fair test with consideration of variables and measurements.

Key vocabulary: control variable, stopwatch, variable

Pre-teaching: Children will be describing the process of evaporation.

Community Afternoon

- Our annual community afternoon takes place on Tuesday 14th October in the school hall from 1:30pm and as always grandparents are very welcome to attend.
- Please ensure you inform the office of any grandparents who will be coming on Tuesday so we can ensure we put out enough chairs for them.

Extra information

- Tuesday 14th October is the *Grandparents/senior citizen* afternoon.
- Our Year 5 assembly for parents will be Thursday 23rd October at 9.15am
- Friday 24th October is a whole school mufti day. Donations can be made via the gateway.
- School closes at 3.30pm on Friday 24th October for half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amy and Abbie