

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: To the ends of the Earth

- This week the children have been thinking about what gifts the Apostles received from the Holy Spirit and how we can receive these gifts through the sacrament of confirmation.

Key vocabulary: Holy Spirit, Confirmation, Apostle.

English

Text: The Watertower

Genre: descriptive recount

- The children have been practising using fronted adverbials in their writing.
- The children have thinking about using the 'zoom in, zoom out' technique to help to describe how characters are feeling and to create suspense.
- They have been writing setting descriptions about their own setting, using figurative and sensory language to help build suspense.

Key vocabulary: Suspense, tension, figurative language, fronted adverbials, sensory language.

Next week the children will be writing their own suspenseful descriptive recount.

Maths

Topic: Percentages, fractions and decimals.

- This week the children have been learning to convert percentages into both fractions and decimals.
- We have been working on problem solving using this.

Key vocabulary: percentages, decimals, fractions, equivalent.

Pre-teaching: next week we will be learning to find a percentage of an amount and working further on problem solving with percentages.

Science

Topic: Forces and space

- The children have been learning about air resistance. They have planned an experiment to answer the question - Does the surface area of a parachute affect the rate at which it falls?

Key vocabulary: air resistance, gravity, surface area, variables.

Pre-teaching: Next week the children will be conducting their experiments.

Extra information:

- A reminder that Monday May 4th is a bank holiday so the school will be closed.
- As part of our next English topic, we will be studying 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. To help the children follow along and fully enjoy the story, it would be extremely helpful if each child could have their own copy of the book in school. If you are able to purchase a copy, please send it in with your child. We kindly ask that children do not read ahead, as we will be exploring the text together in class and want everyone to experience each chapter at the same pace.

Tesco Tokens

If you shop in any Tesco store in the Watford area, please remember to collect the blue tokens and put them in the St Anthony's collection box in stores. Every blue token counts!!!

Spread the word to all your family and friends to also take part - any donation we receive from Tesco will go towards the school library.



Have a lovely weekend, the Year 5 team