

Year 5 update

R.E

Topic: To the ends of the Earth

- Children wrote an advert to persuade someone who is thinking of getting Confirmed of some of the reasons why they might benefit from this Sacrament.

Key vocabulary: Confirmation, Sacrament, Holy Spirit, guide

Pre-teaching: next week the children will continue their learning on the Sacrament of Confirmation

English

Book: The Watertower

- The children have written their own descriptive recounts focusing on techniques that build suspense.
- The children have started the new topic based on The Boy in the Tower, thank you for the copies of the book that have been sent into class.

Key vocabulary: description, recount, suspense, tension, cliff hanger, figurative language, precise verb choices, zoom in technique, show don't tell technique.

Pre-teaching: The children will be looking closely at how the author develops the setting and atmosphere at the beginning of the book The Boy in the Tower.

Maths

Topic: percentages

- The children found 50% of a whole by dividing by 2, 10% of a whole by dividing by 10 and 1% of a whole by dividing by 100.
- The children used their knowledge of finding 10% to support them in finding other multiples of 10 for example 20%, 30%, 40% etc.

Key vocabulary: percentage, equivalent, tenth, hundredth, divide

Pre-teaching: next week we will be focusing on 3D shapes. You might want to revisit the names and properties of 3D shapes with your child.

Science

Topic: Forces and space, unbalanced forces

- The children have been investigating the relationship between surface area and air resistance using parachutes. They planned and carried out their own experiments.

Key vocabulary: air resistance, contact force, control variable, surface area, variable

Pre-teaching: Next week the children will be finding out about the effects of water resistance

Extra information

- Thursday 21st May is our Mary procession, please can children bring in one single flower on the day. The procession will be starting at 9.15am and it would be wonderful if parents are able to join us.
- Swimming will be continuing for the Year 5 Padua pupils on Monday, please ensure they have their swimming kits with them.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Year 5 team 😊