

Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have now finished writing evacuee adventure stories and have started to read and discuss a selection of poems. They have been learning to spell words with the suffix *__cious* eg *suspicious*.

Year 6 have finished their unit of work on imagery in poetry by writing their own poems including techniques such as personification, alliteration, onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors.

They have begun their new unit on journalistic writing by completing a 'cold write'. This is a first attempt at writing in this genre based on children's previous experience but prior to teaching the unit. This enables teachers to plan more effectively because it identifies which skills individual children need to learn. At the end of the unit the children will do a 'hot write' to show how much progress they have made.

Maths

Year 5 have been working hard on their multiplication tables. Linked to this, they have been investigating factors and multiples of numbers.

Year 6 have continued to work on their written methods for each operation.

Science

Year 5 have now completed their work on pollination. When Summer comes, they will hopefully still remember all about the work of the bees!

Year 6 have completed their work on animal adaption and are now starting to learn about food chains.



History

Both classes have been learning about Britain's wartime history. Year 6 have focused on WW1 and have written a letter home from the trenches, an explanation about the importance of Remembrance Day and a poem based on the painting of the Menin Road by Paul Nash. Year 5 have been looking at WW2 information and persuasive posters, creating some excellent ones of their own.

Assessment week

Over the next week children's achievement will be assessed in Maths, Reading and Writing. Year 6 will also complete an assessment in SPaG – spelling, punctuation and grammar. These assessments allow us to measure exactly how much progress each child has made and also to plan future lessons to target each individual.

Reminders

- Don't forget to bring a water bottle and coat each day!
- 'Children in Need' day is next Friday.
- We would welcome any contributions for the 'Christmas Child' boxes.