

Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have now completed writing their adventure stories, which are very exciting to read. This week they have been reading explanation texts and learning to include causal connectives in their own writing about volcanoes.

Year 6 have continued learning about narrative in preparation for writing their own stories next week. They have looked at the features of different genres including horror, romance, science-fiction and mystery, and have had practised writing in those styles.

Science and Geography

Year 5 have been observing the properties of different objects and materials, learning vocabulary such as *permeable*, *irreversible*. They have also been learning about tectonic plates and how volcanoes are formed.

Like Year 5, Year 6 have been learning about volcanoes but have researched independently and written their own information texts as part of their afternoon cross-curricular writing lessons.

Maths

Both classes have been working hard on timed mental maths so children really need to keep practising their multiplication tables.

Year 5 have also been learning about shape (symmetry and nets of 3D shapes) plus number sequences, multiples/factors and inverse operations.

Year 6 Miss Smith's group have spent a few days each on several different topics – fractions and decimals, perimeter and area and a new compact method of subtraction. Mrs Wright's group have also been revisiting simplifying and ordering fractions, as well as recalling key facts for measure and shape.

Sport

We are very proud of our fabulous footballers and tag-rugby players who took part in tournaments this week. Although we didn't win, everyone played well and showed great sportsmanship. A big thank you to Mr Franco for coaching the school teams.

Thank you so much for

- supporting Comic Relief in school last week. There were some brilliant hats to give everyone a laugh and the money raised will help some good causes.
- buying books at the book fair. More than £300 was spent which means that we have a healthy commission to spend on new books for school.

We are grateful that so many parents were able to attend parent consultation meetings over the last two weeks. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to ask for an appointment with your child's class teacher at another time. We are always happy to discuss your child's progress.

Please remind your child to catch up any outstanding written or online homework this weekend before reward day next Thursday.