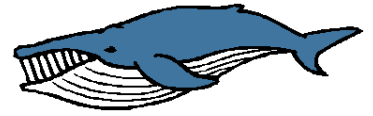


Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have been learning about playscripts. They have changed some of the dialogue from 'The Firework-maker's Daughter' into a short play, even adding stage directions. They have also learnt how to write persuasive adverts. We would all love to visit 'Rambashi's Jungle Grill where the food is brilliant!'

Year 6 have now completed their persuasive speeches. Their performances, which showed great use of gesture and variation in voice tone, were filmed. This week they have been reading and writing poems on the theme of endangered animals, such as whales.

Science

Year 5 have continued to learn about the structure of the Earth. They had lots of fun making models by using different colours of playdough to represent the crust, mantle and core. The models looked brilliant when they were cut open!

Year 6 have carried out and wrote up an investigation about which solids dissolve in water. The children are now confident knowing and explaining how to keep a test fair.

Half term

We hope everyone has a lovely, relaxing half term break and comes back refreshed for the next five weeks of term.

However, please also remember to keep up with your Literacy, Maths Whizz and reading homework. Year 6, you have SPaG too...let's see how many of you manage to get ahead of yourselves!

9 pieces of homework must be fully completed this term.

Maths

Year 5 have been practising the conversion of units of measure, for example from millilitres to litres and back again. This week they have been consolidating and extending their division calculation skills.

Year 6 Mrs Wright's group have been learning to read line graphs accurately and have been problem solving with money and measures. Miss Smith's group have learnt about the translation and rotation of shapes as well as learning to read co-ordinates in all four quadrants. This week they have been focusing on their mental maths skills, learning to apply their knowledge in 5 second, 10 second and 15 second questions.

Food, glorious food!

Groups of children from Year 5 do a brilliant job each week taking it in turns to cook soup for the teachers' lunch on Fridays, charging £1 per bowl. They learn food technology skills and to follow recipes but also how to budget for ingredients. They always cook two different soups each week and the teachers are very grateful!

It was Year 6's turn this week and last to each take home a freshly laid egg from our school chickens. Miss Clarke is planning a display in school about our feathered friends and would be very grateful for any photos of what the children cooked with their egg. She would be happy for pictures to be posted on face book or for printed photos to be brought into school. Any spare egg boxes would also be gratefully received.