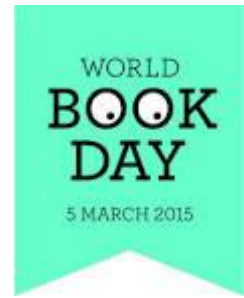


Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have taken part in a writing competition organised by the Rotary Club so good luck! They have been busy revising apostrophes to show possession and have hopefully been applying that knowledge when planning and drafting their own fantasy adventure stories based on 'The Firework-maker's Daughter'.

Year 6 have been practising lots of spelling, punctuation and grammar skills this half term in preparation for SPaG tests and to improve the structure and accuracy of their writing. As part of their unit of work on different narrative genres, they have learnt how authors develop characterisation. They have then practised this themselves and learnt how to improve descriptions of settings in their own writing.

Maths

Year 5 have been using protractors to draw and measure angles as well as using their addition and subtraction skills to calculate missing angles on diagrams. They have been learning to find the areas of shapes (by multiplying) and their perimeters (by adding).

Year 6 Last week Mrs Wright's group were learning about mode, median and mean while Miss Smith's group learnt about the properties of 3D shapes and practised their mental maths skills. This week they all took practice SATs papers to help identify which areas to really focus on before the actual tests in May. All the children now know what to practise to get those extra few marks and achieve their best possible level.

World Book Day

Everyone enjoyed celebrating today by

- getting a brand new book
- DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)
- looking at the puppets which many children made – well done to the competition winners!

Some children were also lucky enough to buy a book from the Book Fair in the hall.

Science

Year 5 have been revising the phases of the moon. Don't forget to look out for the solar eclipse on March 20th!

Year 6 wrote explanations for reversible and irreversible changes in materials. While doing this they practised using complex sentences with subordinating conjunctions to help with SPaG!

Please also take a look at the new school website. Here you will find lots of useful information, including letters and key dates and events. This newsletter will be added to the Upper Phase section with all previous ones.