

Upper Phase Newsletter



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Literacy

Year 5 have been learning to write balanced arguments using oppositional connectives such as *on the other hand* and *alternatively*.

Year 6 have been writing in several different genres to add to their portfolio of independent work which will be assessed over the next two weeks. These genres have included instructions, a science report and a persuasive 'open' letter.

Maths

Year 5 have been focusing on multiplication methods and applying these to problems and puzzles.

Maths has not been a focus for Year 6 over the last two weeks but it certainly will be over the next two when they use (mathematical) compasses for the first time to complete the Year 7 Maths transition unit!

ICT and E-safety

Last week the whole school was treated to a fun and lively assembly from 'Stageworks'. There was lots of singing and dancing but also a very important message about e-safety and how to keep safe online. Year 5 and 6 took part in a great workshop afterwards to reinforce the learning.

Last week Year 6 had a two fabulous ICT days with Mrs Wright learning about programming by using the Bee-bots and Scratch.

Science

Year 5 have been looking at gravity and took part in a class demonstration of gravity using a parachute and a selection of different balls.

Year 6 have been revising lots of areas they have covered already such as food chains, animal adaptations and reversible changes in materials. This is so that Miss Smith can make an accurate, up to date assessment of their learning. Year 6 also enjoyed an investigation about insulating ice to prevent it from melting.

Alice

You have probably heard by now from your children that our Summer show is to be 'Alice'. Year 6 will take the main speaking parts (auditions next Monday!) but all of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be involved in the singing and dancing. The songs are really lovely and even the teachers are starting to sing them when they think no-one's listening!

We have a lot of Sports coaching, events and competitions going on at the moment so it would be really helpful if all children could be prepared by keeping their kit in school all week plus sun hats and water bottles. As the children are often outside, making the most of our lovely field, please make sure that they are wearing sunscreen too. Year 5 will be taking part in a sports morning with Roundhouse and Middlefield Academies on Tuesday 16th June and Year 6 will do the same on Friday 26th June.