

Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have been learning to write non-chronological reports linked to their Science work on life cycles.

The two Year 6 groups have swapped Literacy units from the beginning of term. Miss Smith's group have been reading 'There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and developing an understanding of how the main characters change their behaviour. Mrs Wright's group have used 'The Piano' film by Aidan Gibbons as inspiration to write short stories with flashbacks.

Maths

Year 5 have been using number lines to solve division calculations and are beginning to learn about 'chunking'. They have also been using logic to practise solving mathematical puzzles.

Mrs Wright's Year 6 group have been learning about fractions and ratio, while Miss Smith's group have learnt new efficient methods of calculation for addition and subtraction. This week they have used these to solve Christmas themed word problems.

Christmas by Candlelight

Over the past few weeks the children have been working incredibly hard in dance and singing lessons in order to learn and remember all the moves, music and lyrics that they so brilliantly demonstrated in their concerts this week. They learnt a lot about co-operation and team work, and showed great maturity on stage. Hopefully all parents managed to make it to one of the performances to be dazzled by the tinsel, candles and smiles! We are all very proud of you, Year 5 and Year 6.

Reward Day

We are also very proud of all the children that behaved so well this term that they were lucky enough to go to the cinema on Thursday morning as a reward. In the afternoon a few children needed to catch up on the homework they had not done, which wasn't much fun so next term it would be great if everyone was very organised and did their homework each week. Why not make that a New Year Resolution?

Holiday

We hope everyone has a lovely break over the Christmas holidays and manages to recover from the coughs and colds that they have been struggling with over the last couple of weeks. Remember to keep up with reading and Maths Whizz!

Term starts again on **Wednesday 7th January 2015**.