

Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have been learning about poetry and have worked hard to include a range of imagery and similes in their own poems based on the experiences of the Blitz.

Year 6 have learnt all about the features of journalistic writing including:

- Sharp and powerful headline
- Information – the 5 Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why)
- Paragraphs used appropriately
- Quotations from a range of people

Their 'hot writes' based on exciting photos from newspapers all showed great improvement from three weeks ago.

Maths

Year 5 have been learning about different methods of multiplication and have realised how much they really need to know all the multiplication facts from their times tables!

Year 6. Miss Smith's group have been learning to read the increments on rulers, scales and jugs when measuring length, mass and capacity. They are now learning new efficient methods of calculation. Mrs Wright's group have been using protractors to measure angles and are developing confidence with fractions.

Christmas

Please return your ticket requests for the KS2 'Christmas by Candlelight' concert as soon as possible while there are still plenty available.

Please also remember that children are invited to accessorise their costumes with tinsel. They can bring this to school nearer the time – we will let you know when to send it in.

Science

Year 5 have observed and collected seeds from around the school grounds. They experimented to see which seeds dispersed the furthest.

Year 6 have been learning about micro-organisms, both good and bad. Did you know that there are more micro-organisms on your hand than there are people in the world? They watched a video about how Edward Jenner who was the first doctor in the world to vaccinate people against smallpox.

Homework

Please ensure that your child is working on completing all their homework so that they do not need to catch up during Reward Day. They should have completed 10 pieces of writing by Monday 15th December, in addition to reading each day and doing 60 minutes of Maths-Whizz each week. The teachers have been helping the children this week by reminding them how much they still need to do.

Puffin Academy App

Maths-Whizz is now available on I-pads and tablets with the Puffin Academy App. For more details search 'maths whizz app' and follow the instructions.