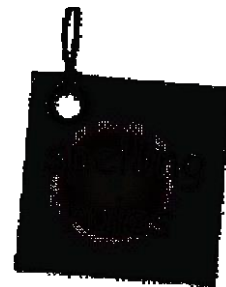


KS2 Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6



15/1/2016

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

English

Year 5 have been learning about the key features of discussion texts and enjoyed class debates about 'School Uniform - Good or Bad?' and '24 hour Kids TV - Good or Bad?'. They then wrote their own balanced arguments. They have also been revising sentences with subordinate and relative clauses.

Year 6 have started their new text called 'Shackleton's Journey'. Last week Miss Smith asked them to predict what it would be about by just looking at the cover pictures! At the end of the unit the aim is that the children will write a detailed 3rd person account of his adventures in Antarctica. This week the children have researched the size, landscape and harsh conditions of the coldest, windiest and southernmost continent on Earth.

Both classes are focusing on accurate spelling this term using a daily new Read, Write, Inc spelling programme. It includes exciting video clips from the 'Spelling Planet' with aliens called Zeta, Gamma and Mu. This week Year 5 have been learning about words with a silent **b** while Year 6 have learnt about suffixes.

Maths

Year 5 Children really enjoyed reading and writing Roman numerals to 1000 and reading years in numerals, especially their birthdays. They have counted forwards and backwards through zero and interpreted negative numbers in context, by finding the difference between temperatures. They have also worked on number patterns and sequences.

Year 6 have learnt to read and plot co-ordinates in all four quadrants (including negative numbers) and then practised translating shapes accurately. They have revised fraction work from last term and now have an additional daily arithmetic lesson to practise a few calculations to keep their skills sharp.

Science

Year 5 The children have been investigating forces and how surface area can affect air resistance in different size parachutes.

Year 6 have been learning about the function of the heart and the process of double circulation. This links with the fitness work they are doing with Mr Franco on Tuesdays.

In Music, Year 5 children have enjoyed developing a sound story map and created a composition of mystery music to represent the poem 'The Marie Celeste' by Judith Nicholls. In Geography Year 6 children have been learning about lines of latitude including the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the Equator and the Arctic and Antarctic circles.

Reminder

Because of the Winter weather please can all children have wellies and an outdoor PE kit (long joggers and a warm top), plus gloves and hats on particularly cold days.