



Year 5 Homework Letter

2-2-18



Well done to all those children who took part in the Basketball festival at Oxted School on Thursday. The children had a marvelous time learning new skills and making new friends. They were great ambassadors for the school.

English

This week during our English lessons we have been learning how to create suspense in our writing. The children watched an interview with children's author Malorie Blackman to get some tips, then, as a class we read through and dissected passages from various thrillers, and thought about what it was that made us feel tense. As a class we identified the following features that makes a piece of writing have suspense and mystery:

- Simile and metaphors,
- Use of ellipsis
- Short, snappy sentences
- Using sentences that appeal to the senses.

Towards the end of the week, the children had the opportunity to put what they learnt into practise when they started work on writing their own prequels to 'The Lost Happy Endings.'

Maths

This week in Maths we have re-visited fractions. We have focused on the following key areas:

- Recognising and using thousandths and relating them to lengths and hundredths.
- Comparing and ordering fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number.
- Adding fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number.
- Subtracting fractions with the same denominator and denominators that are multiples of the same number.

I will be sending the Maths questions, which the children do in class, home on a Friday, so you can see what we are covering during the week.

Internet Safety Drop-in Sessions

On Tuesday 6th February, we are holding drop-in sessions in the hall where you will find lots of information, tips and ideas on how to keep your family safe online. Why not bring the children along with you after you have picked them up from school or their club? Alternatively, come without them before school ends or in the evening for a more relaxed experience and maybe even a glass of wine!

Homework

For Maths homework this week I have set work on fractions which you will find stuck into homework books. For English homework, I have stuck a sheet of spellings in the front of your child's homework book. Please learn the spellings in the **week 2 column** (creating nouns using -ness suffix). There will be a spelling test on **Friday** and marks will be recorded in homework books for you to see how your child has done. I have also asked children to highlight any words they misspelt, so these can be re-visited. This term I am also introducing grammar activities for the children to complete. Please find the activity stuck into the children's book. We will go over these in class on Friday.

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th February: PTFA disco KS2 5.15 - 6.15 pm.
Tuesday 6th February: Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8th February: KS2 Grammar Workshop. 7pm
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day (dress -up day)
Wednesday 7th March: Year 5 Collective Worship: 9.00 am
Friday 9th March: Anglo-Saxon Workshop
Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd March: Parents evenings 3.30 - 6.00 pm.

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Brooks, Mr Cook and Mr Day.

