



Year 6 Newsletter

Week 2- beginning 12th September

It seems to have been a very busy week in Year 6 and around school. We have had visit from our patron of reading and many new things that have started.

English- This week in English, we have continued to look at our chosen text for the term, Running Wild. We have read the first few chapters and spent a lot of time inferring information about characters. We have used the text to justify our opinions by supporting them with evidence and discussed a wide variety of vocabulary that we can use within our own writing.

We took a break from our novel on Tuesday and welcomed author Dan Worsley. He is a local author and has a number of books published. I have had the pleasure of meeting him before and I have to say I enjoyed reading his first book with my son a few years ago. He is full of energy and the children really enjoyed listening to him and finding out how he gets his inspiration for his characters. They completed a session on a character description for a new character and drafted a first attempt. These were pretty impressive as a first draft and he commented on some of the detailed descriptions and work ethic of our class. A proud teacher moment! We will redraft them again and have them ready for his next visit.

Maths- Place value has been our focus this week. We have worked with negative numbers, applying this to real life scenarios such a temperatures. We have been rounding decimal numbers to the nearest tenth, hundredth and whole number and then ended the week concentrating on multiplying and dividing numbers up to 3-decimal places by 10, 100, 1000 and 10000. See what your child's response is if you say you only need to add a zero to a number if you times it by 10. Hopefully they will be able to explain that although it may look like this, there are no zeros being added!

Science- This week in science we have found out a bit more about Charles Darwin. We researched his theory of evolution and the children created a factfile on him. Don't forget to ask your child what he noticed about the finches.

Geography- The children this week looked at the significance of the equator and hemispheres. They were able to identify these on the world map and answer questions relating to these areas.

PE – We looked this week into developing two different types of invasion games. We played a game using a variety of balls from different sports to show that the concept of an invasion game is the same regardless of the sport.

Music- This week, Mr Seagar delivered his first brass lesson. The children used straws to determine how they made vibrations through their lips. This determined whether they will learn a baritone or cornet. They will hopefully bring them home next week or the week after. There will be a letter attached with information for the instrument. I am sure you are all looking forward to listening to them practising at home. Please encourage them to practise when it is convenient, although I am not sure Mrs Stell will be joining you with the encouragement!!!!

Reading books- The children have continued to read daily at school and are completing AR quizzes as and when they finish a book. Please remember to discuss how they have done and their opinions on the books.

Spellings/Homework- Homework this week will include a table of some activities that the children may wish to carry out and create linked to our topic theme.

Please remember to encourage your child to continue practising times tables using TTRS on a regular basis.

Try to follow the school on Facebook and Twitter, there have already been pictures of Year 6 this week.

Next week the children who have decided to put their names forward for house colour captain will present their case to the rest of their group. They are allowed to come in rainbow colours on **Friday** for the voting day but please make sure that they bring their uniform to change into afterwards.

Canvassing for votes can start after their opening speech, ready for Friday's vote. Although we have reminded the children, please avoid using sweets etc to influence voting.

You have hopefully received your letters for our trip to Outdoor Elements in October. If you manage to organise lifts between you, just return the slip and let us know who is with who?

Sponsored walk arrangements:

- the plan is to walk through the field across from school to Waddow Hall
- Waddow Hall will provide a drink and biscuit for the children
- We will continue around the back of Waddow Hall.
- children should come to school in their walking clothes but bring a change of clothes for if they get wet/muddy. They need to have appropriate footwear for the walking conditions and bring a change of footwear for when they get back to school
- we will walk two classes at a time

Many thanks

Mr Stell and Mrs Pallister

Dates for your diary:

Sponsored Walk- 21st September

Friends of WWB BBQ- 24th September

Trip to Outdoor Elements- 19th October

A week in pictures!

