



BRAYBROOK

Year 5 (Gem)

Fortnightly Newsletter

Maths

Over the last few weeks, we continued to consolidate our understanding of the four operations. We also worked on ways to check our answers which included learning how to use estimations and approximations. The children worked well at using their rounding knowledge for this. As well as this, the children have been working on using the inverse operations for subtractions and addition. Our next step will be reasoning and problem solving.

English

In English, we continued exploring our new book, 'Wild Boy' using VIPERS to understand the beginning of the story deeper. We also analysed the use of language in the opening scenes to create an atmosphere and give the reader clues about the characters and what might happen next. The children dove deeper into the effect and use of figurative language for this. This knowledge will then feed into our writing of our own character descriptions.

Science

In our science sessions, we have been building on our knowledge of properties and materials. To do this, we have been using our scientific enquiry skills to investigate the hardness of properties and used this to support our planning for choosing the most appropriate materials for a specific design.

Foundation Subjects

In PSHE, we have been focusing on what respect means for others and ourselves and what we can do to change mindsets from negative to positive.

In computing and music, we had 2 wonderful music workshop sessions where we were able to apply our knowledge of programming to develop our own music and further our understanding of volume, pitch and notation.

In DT, we have been engrossed in our textiles unit, developing our sewing skills to learn different stitches as well as ways to fasten items. This is for our Christmas trees which we are looking forward to sharing with families.

Photos



Reminders

Key dates: Key dates:

Friday 1st Dec : wish the lights on assembly where children can wear a Christmas accessory (jumper or t-shirt or hat, etc) in exchange for a bag of sweets for the PTA - it is **not** a non-uniform day though. Christmas decorations can also be brought in for a competition (there is a lovely prize for each class).

13th Dec- Xmas carol concert to years 4/5/6 at 2:15pm

13th Dec- Rocksteady concert 1:30-2pm

15th Dec- Xmas lunch

Homework: a reminder that homework should be brought in on a Monday. In the books, children should complete each word five times and then write a sentence for each word.