

Year 5A

8th March 2019

Newsletter

This Month

A massive thank you to all parents and carers for their contributions to our school fair—it was a roaring success!

Working as a team to construct our pre-historic landscapes.



We've been improving our independent learning skills in numeracy, but we also like to learn from each other.



Literacy

During the months of January & February, we have continued to read *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. We wrote a diary entry, pretending to be a young person sent to a Victorian workhouse (we discovered it was a rather unpleasant experience!) We also identified the features of, and wrote our very own, short mystery stories, inspired by the short stories of Kevin Crossley Holland. We enjoyed trying to scare each other!



Maths

Over the last few weeks, we have focused our attention on problem solving and word problems using the four number operations. Prior to that, for the first time in Year 5, we refined our perimeter and area skills. Most recently, we have been sharpening our knowledge and application of negative numbers. We have been busy!



Science

We are continuing our investigations into the properties of materials. Just last week, we were testing a variety of materials to discover if they were soluble in cold water. At the moment, we are designing our very own dissolving experiments - remembering that we must only change one 'independent' variable to keep the experiments fair!



Topic

We are currently on the very last week of our dinosaurs project, as we consider the theories of dinosaur extinction and Charles Darwin. Our next project will cover a variety of skills through the topic of Ancient Sumer - the earliest known civilization in the historical region of southern Mesopotamia. The children are eager to move onto something new!



Important Information

Important dates:

8th March: International Women's Day

11th—14th March: Assessment Week

15th March: INSET day (no school)

5th April: Open Class Morning - come & join us in class (8am—9am)



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AND

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Next week is ASSESSMENT WEEK!

TOP TIPS

- **SLEEP WELL!**
- **EAT WELL!**
- **TRY YOUR BEST!**



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