

Year 5A

4th April 2019

Newsletter

This Month



Literacy

We started this term inspired by narrative poetry. We read 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes to inspire us to write our own narratives. We then used a humorous event from our own lives (an anecdote) to write & illustrate our own narrative poetry. Most recently, we've been reading about what life was like for children in Victorian schools. We wrote a recount of what we would have learnt, what the rules were, and punishments for breaking the rules - we're glad we aren't children going to school in the Victorian times.

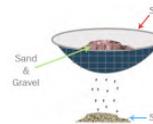
Maths

Over the last few weeks, we've been introduced to some challenging, but exciting, mathematical concepts in Year 5. We've been learning how to find friendly percentages of numbers (25%, 50%, 75%) before moving onto calculating more complicated percentages, like 30% or even 65%! Just this week, we've been thinking about angles - identifying types of angles, estimating angles, finding missing angles, and now we're measuring and drawing them! We're quickly becoming angle experts!



Science

We have just completed our investigations into the properties of materials (and what a journey it's been). Over the last few weeks, we've focused on conducting two experiments - separating materials and reversible and irreversible changes - check out the photos on our class dojo page. Next week, we begin our new science topic - living things and their habitats!



Topic

The ancient Sumerians have finally arrived in Year 5. Over the last month, we have learnt about their rise and fall, and their daily lives (housing, food, farming, clothing, trade, money and leisure). We are currently learning about ancient Sumerian religion before thinking about the many things they invented. We're even learning to write our names in Sumerian cuneiform. Look out for those!



Important Information

- All family members/guardians are reminded to wear an ID Badge at all times while on our ISSR campus, including morning drop off, afternoon pick-up times, and for any meetings/visits. Thanks for your understanding, as we all work to keep the children at school safe.
- Birthdays in the classroom - please let the office know 24 hours before you plan on bringing treats for your child's class. Thanks!



Don't forget to come and pay 5A a visit on Friday 5th April, between 8am and 9am, for our open class morning.

Please continue to log onto Class Dojo each week. I hope you're enjoying the work and photographs we post each week!