

Redwood Class Newsletter Term 1 (Week 5)

What have we been doing in class?

English

In English reading lessons, we have been studying 'Wonder' by R.J.Palacio. We've discussed lots of elements of the book so far, and have been intrigued by the American English vocabulary. In writing lessons, we have been mainly working on writing linked to Tim Peake's time in the International Space Station alongside our science topic of Earth and Space. We've written explanation texts and diaries from the point of view of Tim.

Most pupils have made an encouraging start on Readwriter. Year 5 have achieved a total of 25,945 points and year 6 have achieved a total of 13,690 points.

Maths

In maths, both year groups have been focusing on place value. Year 5s up to a million and year 6s up to ten million. More recently, we've all revised our methods for addition and subtraction. Year 6 pupils have begun to consolidate multiplication skills and are now venturing into the realms of long division!

Year 5 and 6 are showing some impressive results on Mathletics too; putting in a wonderful effort. Year 5s have currently achieved 50,260 points and year 6 have achieved 45,290 points.

Focus Topics

In the afternoons, children have worked hard to collaborate and compromise; analysing and practising what it means to be a team in PSHE. In science, pupils have massively enjoyed learning about Earth and Space which we've just finished. Children filmed their own short video about how the Earth moves around the Sun using iMovie to demonstrate their knowledge.



Celebration

Well done to Nathaniel for achieving a Gold Certificate in Mathletics and to Hannah who has been awarded a Green Blue Peter badge!
Please keep those out of school achievements coming in!

We have also been working hard to revise 'what makes a sentence' and different sentence structures - please ask your child about this when reading as it's super important! I hope that they will tell you all about the Subject, Verb and Object and about how simple, compound and complex sentences are made up!

Remote Learning during self-isolation

If a child has to self-isolate at home and is not in school (but is not unwell), we can currently provide maths lessons in line with learning in school. Visit www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning and select the correct year group and current week. The week's lessons are all in a video format here. If you need to know which lesson is next, please contact us via admin@chapmanslade.wilts.sch.uk. Teachers will try to send lesson activity sheets home where possible.

We are currently finalising plans to provide English and focus topic learning remotely; pupils can continue to access content on Readwriter and Mathletics from home at any time.