

Redwood Class Term 5 Newsletter

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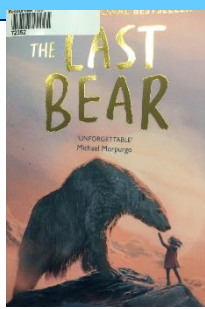
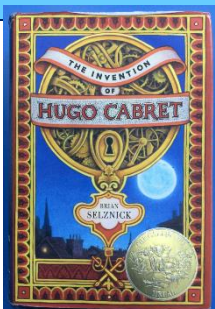
Redwood Class have been absolutely fantastic with completing their SATs papers – not an easy task! We are all so proud of what they have achieved. A huge congratulations!



English

We have had a particular focus on reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for our SATs this term. Children have become really confident with different sentence structures, word classes and punctuation types over this term. These skills will enable the children to progress with their writing for the remaining time in Primary school but will also assist them for their new chapter next year and beyond.

Looking ahead to Term 6, we are really excited about our next English scheme of work. We are going to be reading 'The Last Bear' written by Hannah Gold in our guided reading sessions and using 'The invention of Hugo Cabret' written by Brian Selznick to inspire and assist our writing. Writing is going to be a key focus of Term 6.



Polite notices

- PE Days Wednesday (PPA cover) and Friday
- Complete Edshed homework every week (new homework set on a Friday afternoon, due in the following Friday)
- Spelling test every Friday morning
- A minimum of three reads with an adult is expected each week, these should be recorded in reading records

Maths

In Maths this term, we finished all of the necessary lessons to complete our SATs paper; with a significant focus on shapes; measuring lengths and identifying different types of angles.

Looking into Term 6, we are going to be taking part in a variety of action packed, engaging Maths projects which have a specific focus on life skills, for example, shopping lists, change, best value for money etc.

This, we believe, will assist the children with having more of an understanding of how the big, wide world works and preparing them for different daily practices.

Science

Over this term and next, we will continue to focus on living things and their habitats. Our key question is 'How do living things reproduce?'

We will investigate the following –

- How plants reproduce
- The different types of reproduction that can occur in different plants
- Reproduction in mammals
- Different life cycles
- Comparing different life cycles of different types of animals (insects and amphibians)
- The discovery Jane Goodall made about Chimpanzees
- Metamorphosis

History

We have studied the Ancient Mayas this term focusing on 'Who were the Ancient Maya people and where/when did they live?' – the children have thoroughly enjoyed this topic.

We have looked at –

Where they lived, their religious beliefs and gods, artefacts, their number system and foods they cooked (we will have a go at cooking some of these foods very soon!)

In term 6 we will have a focus on seasonal cooking and some more computing skills!

Other Subjects

PSHE – We have been looking at how to make our world a better place by investigating impacts of global warming and renewable energy sources.