



Date: 24/09/21

Year Group: 5

English

This week we have delved deeper into the book War of the Worlds!

We have now read the book and become very engrossed in it. We have started planning our own narratives and have created detailed descriptions of our alien characters. We have also worked hard on including subordinating conjunctions and onomatopoeia words. The children have particularly enjoyed this!

On Friday, the children had the opportunity to listen to the original broadcast reading of the book. They then worked very hard to write their first few paragraphs inspired from listening to the broadcast, using their Ipads on Purple Mash.

Maths

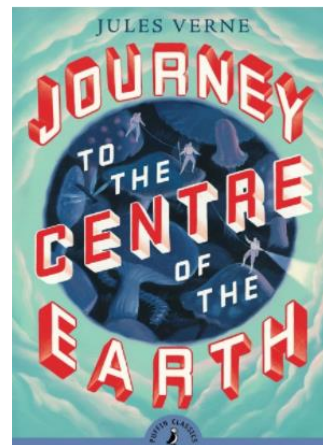
The children have continued building their knowledge of Place Value and were learning how to use this when rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. They also built on their knowledge of negative (minus) numbers and where in life they would come across these. They have also applied their learning to finding the difference between minus and positive numbers on a number line.

Now that we have completed the times tables baseline assessments, we would like the children to carry on learning them and increasing their fluency.

How you can help at home:

- Well done to parents and children for continuing to work hard to complete the Harmony Trust Booklet. Year 5 teachers have really enjoyed looking at all the pictures sent into us over Dojo. If you haven't done this yet, it's not too late to send it on Dojo to the teacher.
- It's been wonderful checking the children's Reading Records and noting how many have read at least 3x and more in some cases. We want to continue to instil a love of reading within the children. Please do take the time to listen to your child read as much as possible; they really do love it (many times we have children bustling in to say how much they loved reading to an adult the night before). We appreciate this may be difficult to achieve every day, as many times as you can will be much appreciated.
- Please ensure that Ipads are charged and that the children have them packed in their bags so that they can use them throughout the day. We are using them more frequently and for longer durations so they need to be charged.

Book Recommendations:



In **JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH**, an ancient book is opened by the eccentric Professor Lidenbrock and his life - and the life of his nephew Axel - is changed forever. An old piece of paper has tumbled from the book, a priceless parchment that will lead them on a terrifying journey to find what lies at the centre of the Earth.

Why does Ms Heer recommend this book?

I first read the original version of this story by whilst at school and have watched many versions that were converted onto the big screen. The descriptive language that was used really made me feel as though I was on the journey too. This is a timeless adventure that has been brilliantly written by Diana Wynne Jones, one of Britain's top fantasy and sci-fi writers for children. This version of the book is easier to read, and will take you on a journey that you will not forget in a hurry.

World languages Day.

Today Year 5 have been learning all about Germany as part of celebrating the European Day of Languages. The children have created a fact file after researching about Germany using their Ipads. They then converted these facts into an IMovie trailer, and what a great job they did! Some children created PowerPoints and fact files using Word. Also as part of the celebrations, the children could dress in the colours of the German flag and we've certainly seen many combinations of all the colours worn.

Non Negotiables:

'Everybody, every day' - Reading with your child every night and signing their diary.

Practise times tables including the division facts. Use Times Tables Rock Stars or any other method to practice. Your practice is paying off! Keep in contact with us using Class Dojo. Complete *Working in Harmony* booklet.

Have a good weekend.