



Date: 17/09/21

Year Group: 5

English

This week we started our new book War of the Worlds! We have been studying the use of vocabulary, especially descriptive vocabulary and ambitious words. We became familiar with the start of the story by summarising the first chapter.

On Friday the children started to experiment with using exciting vocabulary to write their own descriptions of an alien. I think the teachers will be sleeping with the lights on after reading them!

Maths

The children have continued building their knowledge of Place Value and were learning how to use this skill by converting numbers into Roman numerals and back again. They also compared and ordered Roman numerals!

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

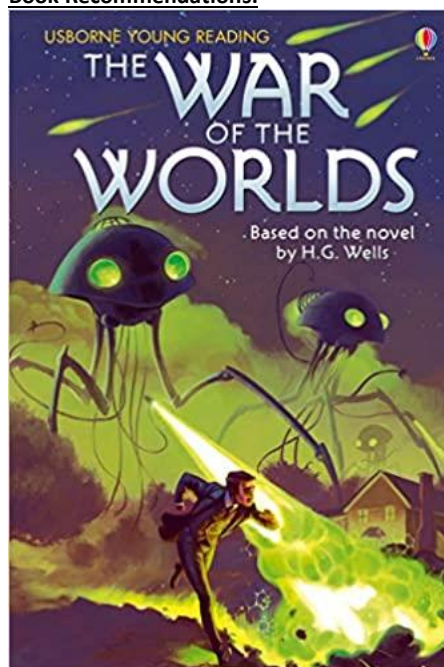
How you can help at home:

- Last week we sent home with every child, a **Working in Harmony** booklet. Thank you for sending in photos of your children reading, which was one of your tasks for Week 1. If you haven't done this yet, it's not too late to send it on dojo to the teacher.
- At present we have paused 'Racing to Read'. However, the expectation that children read to an adult at least 3x a week is still in place. 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 time 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.
- A couple of reminders for PE. If your child wears earrings, they need to remove them on PE days. If they cannot be removed, please make sure that they are covered with tape. As the weather gets colder, your child will need their school sweatshirt, or cardigan, to wear over their PE top in class. Thank you to all parents who have managed to purchase and supply your child with a green t-shirt as part of the new PE uniform. If you have yet to do so, please make this a priority and have a look on Amazon, you can buy one for around £2. To confirm, the PE tops must be plain green- no images, texts or logos. The children also need to wear plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

This is an example of what is expected.



Book Recommendations:



Mysterious explosions on the surface of Mars signal the beginning of an alien invasion. Soon the ruthless creatures are terrorizing Earth with their unstoppable death rays. Can nothing prevent these merciless Martians from taking over the world? H.G. Wells' classic story of Martian invasion, vividly retold for newly independent readers.

Why does Mrs Boerder recommend this book?

I first read the original version of this story by HG Wells when I was at junior school. The language was a little tricky but I stuck with it because the story was so exciting. There are points when you think that the world is doomed, and the ending is so unexpected! This version of the book is easier to read, and we are enjoying reading it as part of our English work this half term. If you are a fan of science fiction, you will enjoy reading this.

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.