

This week

The highlight this week was Thursday afternoon when half of us went to the Common to compete in our first cross country evening and the other half welcomed two local residents who were alive in WWII to share their experiences.

Our cross country runners started the running club last week so have had only two sessions and they showed amazing perseverance and good sportsmanship. Special mention to Alice who came 8th out of 70 Year 6 girls and to Emily who supported her team mate the whole way round with smiles and words of encouragement.

The elderly couple who visited us to talk about their experiences of the war were extremely impressed with the behaviour and curiosity of the children and their excellent questions.

In addition we had a very animated session linked to the US election on Wednesday, looking at the difference between facts and opinions as well as practising how to accept to other people's opinions even when we disagree with them. The children impressed me with their maturity in this activity.

Our Proud Cloud this week is Matty for being such a fantastic mini teacher, willing to help others (especially in coding which Mrs Watson finds very tricky!) and for accepting and respecting differences in opinion in our US election discussions

Our fine diner this week is Caoihme for showing such an enthusiastic and positive attitude all week in and out of the dining hall and contributing animatedly to conversations at lunch and beyond.

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Home Learning

We loved reading the children's Remembrance Day home learning this week and thank you to everyone who did some pre learning around fractions, decimals and percentages – it really helped the children.

In addition, our spelling focus for next week will be homophones, words that sound the same but are written differently eg write and right, witch and which – please look out for these words in your everyday life and discuss them to help the children remember which is which.

Next Week

Next week we have the exciting opportunity to go to **Forest School on Wednesday morning** where we will be enjoying learning outdoors, looking at circumference and diameter of tree trunks! Please ensure children have waterproofs and willies in school.

On **Thursday afternoon** we will be joining the whole school in our yarn bombing event!

Trip letter for our Dickens Christmas Carol trip on **Tuesday 6th November** is due back on Monday 21st November.

The deposit for the Year 6 residential PGL trip is due by

Maths and English

This week in maths the children have looking over their maths SATs paper and learning from their mistakes. We have discussed how it is important to practise tests because test technique is a big part of success. We have also been looking at the relationship between fractions, percentages and decimals and calculating percentages of amounts by first finding 10% (by dividing by 10) and 1% (by dividing by 100) then adjusting.

Next week in maths we will be looking at division so **maths pre learning** is to please practise times tables (your child's individual focus was discussed at parents evenings) so the children can focus on the division process not spending time remembering or finding times tables facts.

In English we have enjoyed looking at Christina Rossetti poetry and Remembrance Day poetry.

Next week we will start our three week unit on classic fiction, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty, looking in particular at story openings and characterisation.

We will also turn a chapter of the story into a playscript. **English pre learning** is to recap the features of playscripts.

Next week is **anti-bullying week** so we will be spending time in PSHE discussing what bullying means and how we can stand up to it, linking to our learning on peer pressure over the past two weeks.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Watson, Miss Curtis and Mrs Goulbourne.