



Year Five News

Miss Eccles and Mr. Tracey
October 2016



Roald Dahl's 100th birthday celebrations

On Tuesday 13th September, Year Five had a brilliant time celebrating Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. Pauline Armstrong, from Omagh Library, came along to give us a very informative and interesting talk about the life and literary works of Roald Dahl. We enjoyed dressing-up as characters from Roald Dahl's books and had great fun posing for photographs for the local newspapers! We feasted on a birthday treat, courtesy of Mrs. O'Hagan, whose scrumdiddilyumptious chocolate cake was one that Mr. Willy Wonka himself would have been proud of! We concluded our celebrations by joining in on a live web-cast directly from the publishers Puffin, with the illustrator of Roald Dahl's books, Quentin Blake. The day was a wonderful occasion, full of fun and learning, which was enjoyed by all. Thank-you to our pupils and parents for everything they did to prepare for and celebrate this very special 100th birthday!

Comings and Goings

- **Mrs. Waring** has now begun her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband all the very best, as they prepare for their new arrival. **Mr. Tracey** will now take over in Mrs. Waring's class.
- Miss Eccles' class was very lucky to have worked with **Miss Sloan** for a few weeks. Miss Sloan has now moved to another class within the school. We'll miss her lots!
- We also say farewell to **Caitlin**, who has moved school. We wish Caitlin lots of luck as she settles into her new surroundings.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th October

- Flu vaccinations for pupils

Wednesday 26th October

- Hallowe'en Party (further details to come)

Thursday 27th Oct., Friday 28th Oct., Monday 31st Oct. & Tuesday 1st November

- Mid-term break

After-school activities

- French: Monday
- Boys' Gaelic: Thursday

Year Five's Learning Plan



October, 2016

Literacy

- We will be learning about **adverbs** and **suffixes**.
- We will complete our class novel, **Fantastic Mr. Fox**.
- We will enjoy exploring the language in a selection of **poetry**, and will get a chance to write our own poems.
- We will grow in our knowledge and understanding of the features and purposes of **instructional texts**.
- In our phonics work, we will be exploring ways that we can write the **ee, ay** and **oo** sounds.
- We'll be continuing with our joined handwriting, with a special focus **diagonal joins**.

Numeracy

In Numeracy this month, we will be:

- revising multiplication and division by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10.

We will also be focusing on **money, 2D shape** and **length**.

Within the topic of **money**, we will be:

- counting out money amounts using £20, £10 and £5 notes and all coins;
- converting from pounds and pence to pence and vice versa, with 4-digit amounts;
- rounding to the nearest pound.

Learning about **2D shape**, we will be:

- recognising and describing a variety of 2D shapes;
- using shapes to continue and create patterns.

Exploring the topic of **length**, we will be:

- revising measuring in m and cm;
- recording lengths in different forms, e.g. 1m 36cm → 136cm → 1.36m;
- measuring and drawing lengths to the nearest half-centimetre;
- learning about perimeter.

Topic

We'll be continuing our learning about **Ancient Egypt**. This month, we will be exploring the topic of **farming**. We will also find out about the process of **mummification** and the importance of the **afterlife** to the Ancient Egyptians. We'll get to learn about Egyptian **gods, goddesses**, and **pharaohs** too.



Spirit of Integration: Bronze award

Year Fives have now embarked on the 'Spirit of Integration' award scheme. Please help your child to achieve their bronze award by ensuring that they adhere to all of the targets outlined on page 5 of the award scheme's booklet. We hope that some children will achieve their bronze award by the end of the month!