

5Th Grade Newsletter

News and a letter in one place

Introduction

The sun is shining, the wind is howling, the snow is falling, the fog is freezing, the rain is lashing, the frost is ... while I've been admiring the English-style weather happening outside, your little atmospheric angels have been forging ahead with learning like weather vanes whirling in the gale that is Grade 5

English

There's been a buzz about the class as we prepare for our class spelling bee; I'm sure you'll agree there were quite a lot of words to learn—a busy bee spelling bee; however, I'm sure you'll also have noticed how many of these words we've covered in our previous spelling lists; I always like to “bee” prepared.

When we haven't been spelling more than Hogwarts on open day, we've been continuing with our reported speech theme. And we've been making progress; the children reported an interview with the stars of Harry Potter, and the internees of Cap Green Lake.

And we also learnt how to use the semi-colon to make our writing look clever flow; nevertheless, we're trying not to over use them; it's difficult; sometimes...

Maths

Maths is easy; there are only four things you have to do to any number: add it, subtract it, times it and divide it! And we can now do these wonderfully simple things with annoyingly difficult fractions. Yay! So, we've moved on! To percentages... which involves adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing; it's one, long numerical Groundhog Day in our class.

When we haven't been using more % signs than a Santa shop in January, we've been carrying on with our measurement topic, and what a carry on it's been. Can you guess which of your capricious capacity guessers thought a bath holds 1.5 litres? Or which of your high fliers thought the TV tower was 9000 m tall? Read their books to see who's got their heads in the clouds....

Social studies

You'll be pleased to know that our currently shocking electricity topic that is so conducive to particle “lar” puns has given way to the repelling topic of magnetism! We'll never come unstuck with this theme; it's so polarising...

