YEAR 5 LEARNING NEWS

Week 3 Summer Term
25th September 2026
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Highlights of the Week

Science

This week the children investigated thermal conductivity by testing different materials to find out which was best at keeping water warm. They made predictions, discussed how to ensure their investigation was a fair test, and used thermometers and stopwatches to carefully collect their results. They then used their findings to draw conclusions and explain which material was the most effective at reducing heat loss. Great scientific thinking from everyone!

Spellings

Your child may come home with some spellings to learn, in their homework books. Please could you support them by helping them to practise these spellings regularly at home. A few minutes of practise each day can make a big difference in helping children to remember and confidently use their spellings in their writing. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Information for Parents

- Homework is set on Thursday and due in the following Monday.
- Children **should be reading for 30** minutes every day **and** practising their times tables.
- P.E. is on Monday and Friday.

Key Dates

- 8th Oct – Yr 5 Fire safety session
- 13th Oct – Parent's evening
- 14th Oct – STEM day for Yr4 and 5
- 15th Oct – Parents' evening
- 16th Oct – Halloween Mufti day
- 16th Oct – Break up for 2 week half term!

STEM project

This week, the children took on a tricky balancing challenge! They had to design and build a structure stable enough to support a tennis ball balanced on top of a larger ball. The children thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with different ideas and worked hard on developing their problem-solving, teamwork, creativity and perseverance skills. It was fantastic to see them testing, adapting and learning from their attempts!

In History, we continued exploring what life was like in Britain under Roman rule. The children compared life before and after the Roman occupation, considering how the Romans changed Britain through new roads, towns, buildings, and ways of living.

Healthy snacks – Can you please ensure your child is only bringing healthy snacks – ideally fresh fruit- to school. Anything from the confectionary/snack aisle at the supermarket should be avoided. The sugar spike it results in has a knock-on effect on their learning which can be detrimental. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.