

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the kind Christmas gifts. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a Happy New year!

I was so impressed with all the activities the children have shared with me for their holiday homework. It certainly looks like they all had a wonderful time and even found time to help out around the home. It certainly looks like they enjoy testing you on times tables!

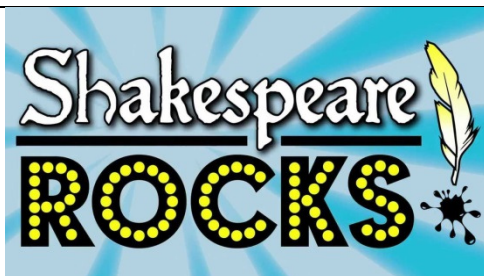
In Mathematics we are proud of:-

- Exploring prime, squared and cubed numbers.
- Looking at different ways to multiply.
- Using the find the hunk and chunking method to help understand long division!
- Creating a line graph and using it to answer questions.
- To use timetables to work out time intervals
- We had great fun cracking codes to find out who had eaten Father Christmas's mince pies!

In English and topic half term we are proud of:-

Our wonderful Macbeth writing – poetry, dramatic descriptive writing, comic strips as well as our own version of writing in the style of Shakespeare.

We all loved using 'How to train your dragon' to focus on descriptive writing, instructions and then after watching the movie thinking about how the book and film differ.



We had great fun preparing and performing our assembly on Shakespeare and hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

We made headlines

"We're ROALD proud of you all!"

All the children did a fantastic job on the competition entries and we had a wonderful morning watching George's Marvellous Medicine.

Children in Need

The whole class did a fantastic job in creating games and activities to raise money; they did such a super job we invited other classes to share in their games.



We always have lots of fun when we become scientists. Exploring irreversible changes and Newton metres!

Last half-term we have made progress in...

- Our handwriting standards.
- Writing for an audience.
- Ways to add more detail to sentences.
- Our understanding in arithmetic questions.
- Spellings with confusing endings.
- Explaining our reasoning and understanding using mathematical language.

This half-term we will be focusing on...

- Looking at fact and opinions and how to use them in our writing.
- Understanding homophones.
- Continue to work on our understanding of mastery challenges in mathematics.
- How to answer comprehension questions using a specific text passage.
- Fractions! Fractions! Fractions! Times tables understanding again makes this so much easier so please continue with the testing and support.

This half term we will be:

- Delving deep into the Amazon rainforest.
- Working on differing opinions and how to debate.
- Living things and their habitats.
- Keeping safe - we will be looking at the many different areas we need to be aware of to keep ourselves safe.

Reminders

- Selling journals need to be in school every day.
- Homework should be returned to school by Wednesday.
- Please sign your child's reading journal on a weekly basis, either acknowledging they have read or explained what has happened in the story or chapter to you or a family member.
- Continue to support the timetables rapid recall – I always found the car a great place to do this!
- Swimming kits and a coat on a Wednesday.

Year 5 Oak you are continuing to work hard to succeed well done. You all need to keep this up for 2017.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 