

This week the children have;

- Continued to learn the short narrative 'Alien Landing' through actions and images.
- Used inverted commas to punctuate dialogue accurately.
- Completed our unit on multiplication.
- Described the Earth's movements in relation to night and day.

Next week we shall be;

- Beginning to construct our marble runs.
- Understanding equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed number fractions.
- Writing a news story to be broadcast 'on radio' about an 'alien' sighting.

Buster's Book Club

Buster's Book Club returns next week! Please encourage your children to take part in the weekly reading challenge. In Year 5 children are expected to read for 20 minutes. Reading for this amount of time (or even longer!) on Wednesdays should be recorded and signed by a parent so that it can be included in the class' weekly total. New bookmarks for the Spring Term have been stapled into the back of Reading Records.

Hate Crime Workshop

The children really enjoyed and learnt a lot from the Racism and Hate Crime workshop on Wednesday. The workshop covered the definition of racism; appropriate terms to describe someone's ethnicity (black, Asian or white) and a range of scenarios detailing hate crimes were discussed. Shona (the workshop leader from 'Show Racism the Red Card') ensured the children understood that the classroom was a safe place where any question could be asked so that knowledge and understanding was shared amongst everyone. The children were engaged in all discussions and Shona was very complimentary about the behaviour and maturity shown by the class. Well done Year 5.

If you would like to continue any of the discussions at home take a look at their website www.theredcard.org

Homework

Maths Homework

This week the class have been set a Diagnostic quiz based on this week's maths focus. This quiz can be accessed via www.diagnosticquestions.com Log-in details (including an access code) have been given to the children and stuck into their reading records. Please ensure that the children attempt the quiz independently as it provides a good indication of their understanding of this week's maths lessons. The quizzes are in a multiple choice format; once the children have selected their answer they will have the opportunity to explain how they calculated that response. This part is optional and the children can simply click on to the next question if they wish. For anyone with an iPad or tablet you can access the quiz by downloading (for free) the Diagnostic Questions app from the appropriate App store.

Spellings

The children have been given a list of all the spellings to be learnt this term. Copies of these sheets are also available from the Class 5 section of the school website. Spellings will be tested on **Friday 26th January**.

Times tables

Please remember to use Times Table Rockstars as a way to improve and maintain accuracy of recall in times tables. Times Tables will be tested on **Thursday 25th January**.

If obtaining access to the internet is a problem the children are welcome to complete their homework at school - we would ask them to check with an adult when the most convenient time would be to use the IT suite.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team