



Year 5 Homework Letter - Friday 5th July 2024

English

This week we have continued reading our final book of the year: 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. The children are really enjoying this story and have impressed me with their interrogation of the key themes in the text and their understanding of and empathy for April, the central character. This week in our writing, we have considered the use of repeated words and phrases can add impact for the reader. We have also used the iPads to research some facts about polar bears. Did you know that a polar bear's skin is actually jet black?!

Maths

In Maths, we have finished our work on negative numbers. We have been using the analogy of a lift to help us visualize numbers less than zero and we have learnt that as we count through zero, the numbers continue to get smaller. So, $-10 < -5$ even though $10 > 5$. We have also been considering a range of reasoning questions:

Ron and Annie are comparing the differences between the pairs of numbers.

-11 and -7

2 and -5



Ron

The difference between 11 and 7 is 4 and the difference between 2 and 5 is 3, so the difference is greater between -11 and -7

I think that the difference is greater between 2 and -5



Annie

Who do you agree with?

Homework

Spelling: The children should complete the 10 spellings for Summer 2 Week 4 set on Purple Mash. These are the words which will be tested. Again, I am also sending some additional spelling words which feature rules that the children would benefit from revising. There will be no test of these extra words.

Maths: Please continue to practise all times tables on Times Tables Rock Stars.

Additionally, I am sending some division questions for the children to complete and hand in on Wednesday.

Reading: The children must also read for at least 15 minutes per day and comment in their reading log.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 6th July, 12.00pm-3.00pm: PTFA Summer Garden Party

Tuesday 9th July, 6-7pm: Summer Concert

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July, 6 - 7pm: Year 6 Production

Friday 19th July: End of term

Monday 22nd July: INSET DAY

Tuesday 23rd July: INSET DAY

Monday 2nd September: INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September: INSET DAY

Year 6 Production

On Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July, the Year 6 production will be performed (6-7pm). Traditionally, Year 5 have added their voices by joining in with the singing. This is optional, but Mr Bowen (and Year 6) would be really grateful if any of the Year 5 children were able to join the production on these evenings. Please do see either myself or Mr Bowen as soon as possible if your child is available to help. Thank you to those who have already agreed to support Year 6 with the singing during the production.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Benjamin and Miss Baber