



Year 5 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Coming up in Autumn 2

A Beacon of Light

For the start of this half term, we will be continuing with our learning based upon the book by Shaun Tan – The Arrival! The focus of our English will be writing play scripts with a focus on adverbs and synonyms for 'said.' The children will be creating drawings of Islamic buildings in Art, with a focus on the direction of light and how we can make our sketches more realistic.



We will answer the question: **Was the early Islamic Civilisation a 'beacon of light' in the Dark Ages?**

Out of this World

We cannot wait to blast off into outer space and learn all about our Solar System in the latter half of the Autumn term. The children will be using non-fiction sources to help write non-chronological reports, using the solar system as our context. We will be investigating the universe in Science and this will include a trip to the Chichester South Downs Planetarium in November.



We will answer the question: **Are our resources being wasted on 'visits' to space?**

**Thank you for your continued support
Year 5 Team**

Our English learning will include writing play scripts to build our knowledge and understanding of different text types and the writing of non-chronological reports to include relative clauses (linked to our Science learning). The children will be drafting these reports by using further organisational and presentational devices to structure text and to guide the reader, for example, headings, bullet points, underlining etc.

Our Mathematics learning will include more about addition, subtraction and later on in the half term, multiplication and division. The children will be using the four operations in different contexts and understanding how inverse can help them check their answers.

Our Personal and Development Learning (SCARF) unit is:



Keeping Myself Safe

The Key learning points are:

- What a 'habit' is
- Legal and illegal harmful substances
- Positive and negative risks and assessing risks
- What 'dares' are
- Recognising what bullying is, both face-to-face and online
- How to protect ourselves and our information when online

We will also discuss issues raised by Anti-bullying Week.

Year 5 Messages

Please ensure children have warm PE kit for outdoor PE on Mondays.

How you can support your child's learning at home



Supporting your child to complete their Home Learning each week is one of the best ways that you can help from home. Our new Home Learning books will soon be coming home, and each week's Home Learning (whether it is Maths or Spelling-based) will help them to remember key number facts and spelling rules. We also can't stress the importance of daily reading; this could be with an adult or simply reading by themselves for pleasure!

Other ways that you can support your child are by encouraging them to read a range of play scripts. This will help them to understand how a screen play works. Writers use stage directions and adverbs to describe how the character is feeling/reacting.

If you would like to, this is a great chance to explore more about the Golden Islamic Age.

Dates for your Year 5 diary

Our Islamic visitor has returned to school to discuss the early Islamic Civilisation.

We will also be going on a school trip to the



Chichester and South Downs Planetarium on Wednesday 30th November 2022.

Details will follow.

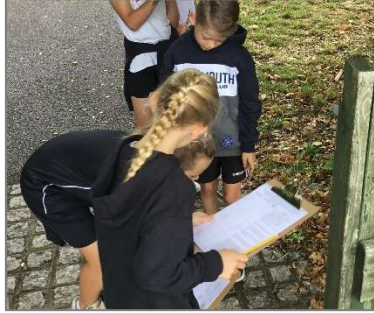
Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Performance

Find out about the wonderful learning we did in Autumn 1 on the next page...

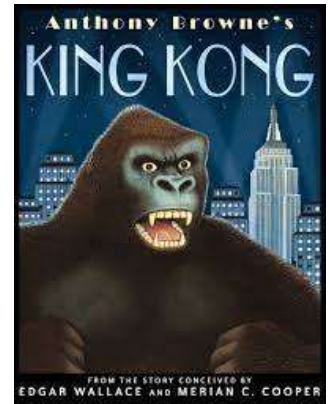
Our Learning in Autumn 1

The Big Apple

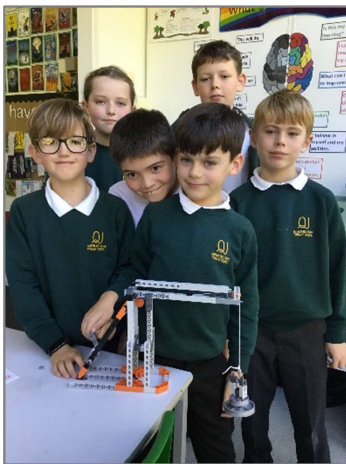
We started the year off by travelling to 'The Big Apple' where children deepened their understanding of North America and in particular, New York City, with the similarities and differences to our own big cities in the UK. We took a tour of New York by following a landmark trail in our grounds.



Anthony Browne's book about King Kong inspired our writing. What a character!



We started our Design and Technology challenge this half-term by building and testing cam toys which was also inspired by The Big Apple. Our design brief is to design and construct a cam toy that could be a big seller in a New York souvenir shop. Our first build has helped us evaluate how cam toys work and work out how we could use them to design our own toys. You can see our test models below.



We also looked at Isaac Newton and his important discovery of gravity, which will be integral to our understanding of forces. The children really enjoyed experimenting and investigating gravity and how it affects us in every moment on every day of our lives!

