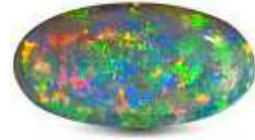


Opal Class News



6th October 2023

Things to note:

Next Friday, we have got our Climate change workshop. This is completely free and the children do not need to bring anything but we are hoping that all of year 5 will enjoy it.

We have done much better on TTRS but there are still one or two of us who haven't given it a go this week. It would be really lovely if we could actually get 100% of the children practising their times tables throughout the week.

It appears that both myself and Mrs Hillier set Mathletics last week. The learning I have set has a deadline for next Friday so I will leave the learning on there for next week and I'll check to see if anyone else has finished.

This week:

In Maths this week, we have been looking at factors and multiples which we have been applying to problem-solving and reasoning. The children have also been learning about the power of 10, 100, 1000 and 10000. They have recognised how this can support their mental calculations.

In English, the children have finished their persuasive speeches and I have filmed those who felt confident enough to stand and read theirs aloud. We have now started to learn about our amazing 'Hidden Figures'. We discussed the clever title and why they used that title as well as making predictions for the text. We have read through the book and we are looking forward to a character analysis next week.

Within our project, we have been looking at the impact of Climate Change on 3rd world countries. The children seemed very surprised at the resources these countries had and they were amazed that they had to rely on charities to support the rebuilding of some of their towns etc.

We have also been looking at our rights within school and within society as part of our Jigsaw learning. The children were fantastic at recognising their rights and the rights of others and it was lovely to hear how thoughtful they had been. I think my favourite suggestion was "we have the right to be happy with who we are". Its such an important right and it led to a very interesting conversation, linking into why we need rules.

Today, we have also had a visit from Claudia Fragapane. The children had an amazing time in their Gym lesson and it was amazing to meet her and find out about her successes.