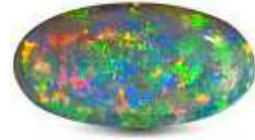


Opal Class News



3rd November 2023

Things to note:

We are starting our practise for the Christmas performance. Unlike previous years, the year 5s and 6s perform in the local church which shall take place on Monday 11th December (at 6pm) and Tuesday 12th December (at 2pm). The children will most likely bring home a set of songs for them to practise (enjoy). They will need to ensure that their words are in everyday in case we are practising. Children in year 5 who would like a speaking part in the performance will be offered a narration part if they wish. We will take a list of names of those who wish to read aloud in the next couple of weeks.

We have also started a new system with reading 5 times a week. Children have the chance to earn a raffle ticket which shall put them competition for the class reading trophy.

This week:

In Maths this week, we have started to look at different addition methods. The children have found ways to make mental addition easier with different strategies and we have been recapping column addition and applying it to 5 digit numbers. The children then moved onto reasoning and problem-solving. Here is an example of today's problem:

$$\boxed{} + 3475 = 6\boxed{}24$$

What numbers go in the boxes? What different answers are there? Convince me.

In English, the children have been completing their diaries of Christine Darden. They have certainly adopted the style and language of a woman like Christine Darden and their use of figurative devices were amazing but at times, we slipped into more of a story-style of writing rather than a diary so we shall revisit diary entries again soon.

Within our project, the children have had their rocket day on their first day back. This was a busy Science and DT day which Was loved by all!





We were also fortunate enough to have the Dog's Trust come in to visit. They taught us all about dog behaviour and how we should consider the dog's feeling and respect its boundaries in order to keep ourselves and others safe.

At the end of last term, we also had a black history workshop. Here are some photos from it.

