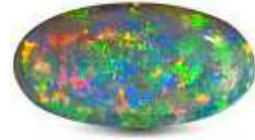


Opal Class News



15th September 2023

Things to note:

This Thursday, we have our year 5 'meet the teacher' meeting after school. We shall be presenting together as year 5 to support consistency between the two classes. If you would like to pop to reception after collecting your child/children, the office shall let you through and direct you to our classes.

We have recently added Mathletics learning online. This shall be set each Friday which will be due for the following Friday though the current learning set is not due until next Friday as it was set late. Apologies for the delay, with my maternity absence and Miss Hillier's new appointment, we were both struggling to access Mathletics for different reasons. I have managed to access this now and Miss Hillier should have access very soon.

We have now been given access to Google Classroom as well. This is a wonderful tool if there are things you would like to share e.g. home-learning or achievements outside of school. If posted on here, we can access it, respond and share it in school, if needed/requested.

Here is a QR code to access the school website with ease in case you need to look anything up.



This week:

This week in Maths, we continued on our Place Value journey, problem-solving and rounding numbers. We found the rounding tricky as it is hard to recall which column to check when numbers start to get to seven digits and we are rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. The children persevered and showed some good reasoning and problem-solving along side this. Next week, we shall be looking at the place value of decimals.

In English, we are delving into the persuasion genre to create a persuasive speech about climate change. This is a topic the children already seem to show great passion for and they ask insightful questions when reading our 'Earth Heroes' class book... though we are early days with this! We have been learning the different grammatical skills used in the genre which should help us with planning our writing next week.

Through our projects, we have already started our RE, computing and geography. In geography, we are learning about climate zones, vegetation belts and the different biomes. It is tricky for the children to remember the differences but we certainly had a great chat regarding *why* we have different biomes, linking to Science.

The children's Christmas card designs have now been completed and we are hoping that they will be home soon so you can start ordering. Despite only being September, the children have loved making the cards now.

Some photos from our dance lesson this week – they loved it!

