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Pearl Class Newsletter



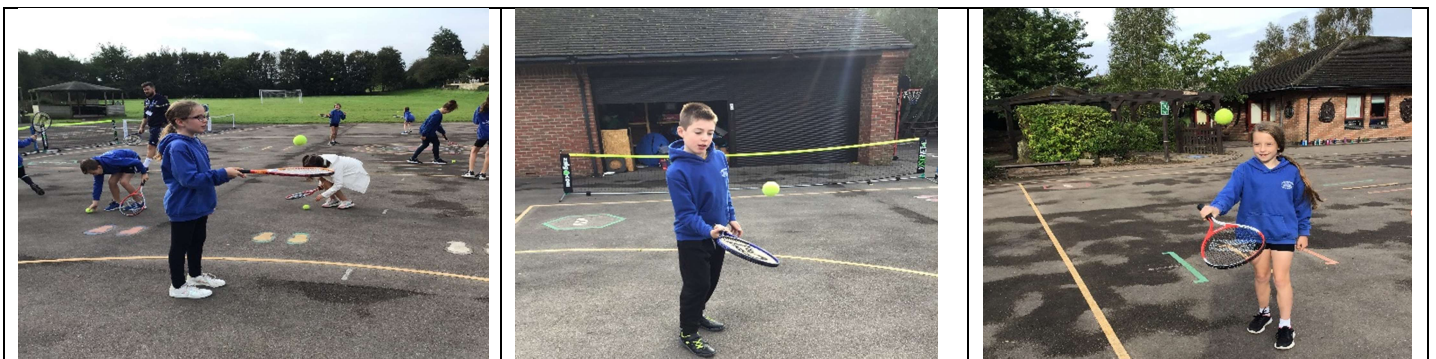
This week has been super busy in Year 5 as we have been doing lots of assessments to set a baseline to compare with the rest of the year. The children have all coped with this really well and already shown some great results!

In maths this week, the children have been really focusing on their reasoning. They have been given different worded problems, where they need to answer the question then tell me how they know it is correct. The children have been practising this verbally first, and then writing in their books their answers. Miss Edgar even noted that their answers were excellent!

During music this week, we braved the instruments! We got the glockenspiels out and practised in pairs. The children had to go along to the beat (that we have been practicing the last few weeks), using notes G, A and B. The children all had a go and were helping each other out by telling each other when to hit the notes.

In geography, the children have been looking at different industries (primary, secondary and tertiary). We listed jobs under each industry and realised that some had crossovers, i.e. builders. Next week, the children are going to explain which industries are affecting climate change the most and how they know.

During PE, we have moved on to develop tennis skills. The children started by balancing a tennis ball on their racquets. They then went on to start bouncing the ball on their racquets, some children managed to do this while walking around! The children then started a rally in pairs and then joined up into groups of 4 and 6 to rally in turns. This helped with communication and speed.



In English this week the children are starting to write up their persuasive speeches on climate change. They started this by orally rehearsing their speeches aloud. This helped them be more persuasive and use more powerful language.

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PE - will take place on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child is wearing a PE kit in school on these days - thank you.

Spellings - this will no longer be set to test. Instead your child will bring home a spelling book, which will show you what words and rules we have been learning each week.

Reading - Children can read independently, however please sign their reading record so we know they have read at home.

Mathletics - Will be set online on Friday for your child to complete the following week.

TTRS - Please support your child with their times tables by logging on and letting the children complete different challenges.