

# A MESSAGE FROM YEAR FIVE



This half term, Year 5 have continued to settle in well and are beginning to apply the school values each and every day consistently.

Within reading, we have continued with Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, which the children have said is their favourite book ever! Not only does it truly capture their imagination, their prediction skills are inspired as Rick Riordan often leaves the chapters on a cliff-hanger.

In writing, the children have focused on the Olympic games and we even competed in our very own version of them. During the games, as you can imagine, all of our children were fiercely competitive and had an unwavering hunger for success. Well done to Bramber, who just prevailed.

We have been mathematically ambitious to identify the most efficient mental and written strategies when solving addition and subtraction problems understanding that skills such as number bonds, doubling and times tables are key for our success.

Our Big Questions in Science concentrated on the human life cycle and how our bodies change both physically and mentally as we age. The children were fascinated with the many milestones they have achieved in their lives physically and mentally!

Whilst Elder have been active with dance and basketball skills in the PE curriculum, Rowan continued with their swimming lessons. It has been fantastic to see the children's confidence grow in the water over the ten weeks and they have made so much progress! Both classes have taken time to regularly complete the daily mile and the improvement in their motivation and fitness levels can clearly be seen.

Next term, we will be starting our new topic: SPACE and our DT and art focus will be 3D sculpture where the children will be challenged with designing their own solar system... Watch out world! The wider curriculum focus will switch from history to geography with our class story 'The Story of the Blue Planet' supporting our learning.



... The Year 5 Team

