



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 31st January 2020



Dear Parent / Carer

We were delighted to receive our Ofsted report this week, a copy of which has been sent separately. We enjoyed a percussion performance in assembly on Thursday, followed by drumming workshops for Year 5. This morning, Acer gave a lovely assembly about writing a non-fiction book about the Romans.

Attached to the newsletter this week is information about a medical research programme. This is important research to help children with mobility problems, and the doctor conducting the research needs healthy children as a control group. My son took part in the research last year. The hospital pays for travel so we took part in the research and then had a lovely day out in London! This is a small way of helping others less fortunate than ourselves- please get in touch if you require further information.

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Dates for 3rd—7th February 2020

5 February	Year 6 Family Learning, 2—3pm, Year 6 classrooms Year 5 Football team “Aspire” event, Sythwood school, 15:10—16:30
5—7 February	Year 4 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

Drumming Assembly and Workshop

Mr Wilkham from Surrey Arts performed in our assembly on Thursday. He played a variety of percussion instruments and wowed us all with his skills.

Year 5 then enjoyed drumming workshops. We played djembe drums and followed a variety of beats and rhythms—it sounded fantastic!

“I enjoyed learning the phrases that matched the beat of the drumming” - Sydney, Rowan

“I really enjoyed how we joined the two parts together, it sounded great” Sam, Rowan

Headphones

Please ensure children have a pair of headphones with them in school everyday. These play an important role in our computing curriculum.



Year 5 Family Learning

Year 5 hosted a family learning event for parents on Wednesday. The focus of the session was spelling. We shared with parents our new (Sept 19) ‘spelling no nonsense programme’, how it works and it’s impact on children’s learning. We also shared our expectations of the children and the parents/carers with regards to spelling.

The session was on the ‘etymology’ of words, this is the study of the origin of words and their history. Children and parents alike, really enjoyed learning about the etymology of a selection of words e.g. salary – from the Latin ‘sal’ meaning ‘salt’ because historically Roman soldiers were paid with salt. They learnt that many of our words have their roots in other languages and played a game to group the ‘ch’ sound into the three different categories; French, Greek and old English.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our sessions, we hope to see you again in our next session in the summer term.

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 7th February is NSPCC Number Day. Year 3, 5 and 6 will be taking part in some fun maths investigations and challenges to help raise money for NSPCC. To raise money we will be having a mufti day, please can children wear something green as part of this and bring in a donation towards the charity.