

## Year 5/6 Newsletter - November 2018

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have returned to school filled with enthusiasm.

Our Learning Challenge for this half term will be, 'Why were so many Stuarts beheaded?' This is a history based topic focussing on the Stuart Era which will look at significant historical figures and events, such as Samuel Pepys and The Great Fire of London.

In science this half term, the children will be continuing to learn about the topic, 'Are you as bright as Thomas Edison?' After focussing on light last term, we will turn our attention to sound and explore how sound travels and investigate pitch and how volume can be affected.

In English, the Year 6 children will continue reading 'Cogheart'. We will be using this text as the basis for writing information texts, story writing and newspapers. The Year 5 children will continue reading 'The Magician's Elephant' in guided reading, but will now also use this story to inspire them to write setting descriptions, newspapers and formal letters.

In Maths, we will continue to learn about the 4 areas of calculation. Can you please encourage your child to learn the times tables up to  $12 \times 12$  if they do not already know them, as this will really help them with their work in maths. We have seen a huge improvement with the children who are working hard on these at home.

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us on French Day, whether it was for breakfast or during the afternoon. It was a real success and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it! Another success was the Children in Need Film Night which we would also like to thank you for supporting us with, as it raised a huge amount of money!

Mr Wilkinson, Miss Young, Mrs Elliott and Miss Russell.



One of the amazing experiments conducted during our Science of Sound workshop showing the vibrations of sound!



Children learning French names for various foods during the 'Tour de France' theatre show on French Day.