

Year 5 Newsletter

10 May 2013

Year 5 learners are busy practising songs for 'The Jungle Book'. Most of the children will be performing in the chorus as monkeys. Thank you to Valerie and Sue for sending out the email outlining costume requirements. The trousers should be soft, lightweight pull on trousers, leggings or another style that you prefer, and any shade of brown.



Literacy

Learners in Class 5WBR are continuing to write longer pieces through adding details and more information. Focusing on how sentences are structured when more detail is added helps develop more fluid writing that moves from one idea to the next across sentences and paragraphs. It also encourages learners to stop overusing connective such as **'and'**, **'then'** and **'so'**.

5LSO learners have now finished their amazing poetry books which can be viewed inside our classroom. This week we have moved on to a study of the award winning book 'The Mousehole Cat'.



Mathematics

In 5LSO learners have been working on a range of mathematical investigations and have also practised different method for dividing numbers.

In Class 5WBR the learners used LEGO blocks as a manipulative when exploring numbers. They tried to create equivalent fractions in many ways. They also looked at prime and composite numbers and how to build up and break down fractions. They are now applying these skills to solve problems involving fractions.

Unit of Inquiry

The Year 5 learners are at the start of an exciting small business project. They have decided on a product, carried out some market research and are now working out the cost of making each product. The young business people will now start to think about the correct pricing for their products before advertising them and sending out an online order form.

Earlier, Year 3 learners were invited to visit a little museum exhibition displaying the history of money.



Reminders:

Tuesday, 21 May

Friday, 24 May

Friday, 7 June

Trip to the Children's International Film Festival

Vesak Day (school closed)

'Jungle Book' Performance by Years 2 to 6 at 6.30pm

Please send the required costumes to school by Monday, 20 May. Please help your child to practice the songs and, if they have speaking parts, to learn their lines.

Please note that PE will continue as land based PE lessons for the rest of the academic year.

Home reading continues, however it won't be long before all books are called in and we recommend that your child looks for any school books that may be lurking in bedrooms or library bags ahead of time.

If your child is absent from school, please contact Student Services, studentservices@nexus.edu.sg, at your earliest convenience, and provide them with your child's name, class and the reason for his or her absence. Student services will then pass these details onto us. Student Services will follow up any absences that remain unexplained after 9.00am each day.