



Just to let you know...

During English this week the children have been finding out about Elizabeth I. They have used their knowledge of persuasive writing techniques to write inspiring and motivational speeches in the style of Elizabeth when addressing her army prior to the Spanish invasion. The children have developed their public speaking skills by focussing on intonation, expression, eye contact, body language, and a host of other clever techniques demonstrated by so many of our politicians. Please ask them

In science the children concluded their experiments to see which drinks eroded an eggshell the quickest. Eggshells were used as an alternative to teeth as they have similar properties to enamel. The children have evaluated their observations and formed conclusions. Ask your child which drinks caused the most damage and why they think this was so.

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Maths Evening; we do hope you enjoyed the activities and had the opportunity to try out some of the activities set up. Mental maths skills underpin almost every area of maths; children need to develop speed and efficiency with mental strategies to enable them to use and apply their knowledge in a variety of ways when facing a range of problems.

Next Wednesday (27th November) it is our Tudor Day. The children will need to wear their costume into school. Please make sure it is comfortable as the children will wear it all day, including playtime and lunchtime.

It is our school Christmas fair on Friday 29th; we are delighted to let you know that our Y5 and Y6 Boys' Choirs will be singing during the evening. The boys' are very excited and are busy rehearsing at every opportunity; a big 'thank you' to Liz van Eykenhof, our fantastic pianist!

The Christmas play will soon be upon us; please look out for information about costumes, etc., from next week.

Thank you for your continued support

Y5 Team

Unfortunately, we will not be able to have our regular guided reading session on Tuesday next week but look forward to seeing you all the following Tuesday (3rd December). Remember to keep up the regular reading at home and remember to comment in the Reading Journal, too.

In maths we have been looking at the properties of 3D shapes using specific language; faces, vertices, edges and apex. The children have looked for patterns between faces, edges and vertices, and have applied this knowledge when sorting shapes into groups of polyhedra, prisms, or regular and irregular polygons. We also looked at nets of 3D shapes; the children really enjoyed investigating and making their own!

A great site for investigating shapes and their nets is:

<http://www.bqfl.org/custom/resources ftp/client ftp/ks2/maths/3d/>

Look for different 3D shapes around the home—how many can you find and can you name them all?