

Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week! It seems so strange to think about it, but we have not been on a trip for over a year, so teaching staff stress levels were quite high ahead of our visit to Thames Young Mariners on Wednesday this week. However, there was no need to be worried at all. The children were brilliant, the rain stayed off and we had a great day! We did get wet, of course, but that was not weather related.

All of the rafts built by all of the nine groups stayed afloat - although it was a close run thing for at least one Lime Class raft - and all made it back to the shore with every one of their passengers on board. A couple of children did decide to have an early swim, but they were quickly and efficiently bundled back onto the rafts (still smiling!) by the instructors. Canoeing was great fun too and only a couple of canoes capsized (including one with a teacher on board..!) We were very impressed by how fearless the children were in general and how quickly they learned to manoeuvre their canoes. Definitely some effective listening going on. One or two children were a bit anxious to begin with and of course they were not asked to do anything they did not want to do, but all of these children challenged themselves during the day. It was super to see. The orienteering was less wet, but got the children buzzing with excitement nonetheless and they ran themselves ragged around the site, in their teams, trying to find all the points on the maps.

The instructors, who are always so patient and gentle with the children, were very complimentary about the children's behaviour and that was great to hear. Well done everyone! Please note that we will be uploading some photos from the day onto the Year 5 Google Classroom over the next few days.

Have a lovely half term!

English

We are continuing to read our new book in English - *Treason* by Berlie Doherty. The children have been doing some independent writing this week. They worked hard and we are looking forward to reading their stories.

Maths

We have continued to look at fractions this week, with an emphasis on reasoning and problem solving.

Foundation Subjects

We completed our History topic on Henry VIII and Hampton Court Palace by responding to the question - was Henry a good or a bad king? There was lots of great discussion around this complex question.

Notices & Reminder

Please note that black school shoes, not trainers, should be worn in school.

Earrings are not allowed. Could we ask you to top up pencil cases during the holiday, please?

Diamond Work Award

Year Group Award! - all Y5s