A few weeks ago, Year Five set off on their first residential. Izzy, Lula and May are here to tell us a bit more about what it was like.

What was the food like?
The food was delicious. All Year Five and teachers love the food!
We had:
- A roast (for dinner)
- Hot dog (for lunch)
- Chicken and rice (for dinner)
- Fish and chips (for lunch)
For breakfast we had:
- An English breakfast

What was the residential dormitory like?
It was very nice, although it was a) very hot, b) there was a juddering noise and c) I heard a man singing in the middle of the night. Apart from that, it was very enjoyable!

What was your favourite activity?
I loved bushcraft because it taught us to learn how to make a fire. We used flint and steel to start it. It was very hard to start the fire but we got there eventually.

Overall, we had a great time!
By Aisheh

Year Two have been learning about animals and their habitats. For their WOW day, they went to Cotswold Wildlife Park. A special thank you to William, Jessica, Ruby, Madison and Kelis for letting me have their opinions on the trip.

What was it like?

J: it was quite scary
W: It was amazing
R: it was fun
K: it was very popular with the class
M: it was very pleasant

What animals did you see?

J: snakes
W: tarantulas and penguins
R: lots of penguins swimming
K: female lions
M: zebras and giraffes

What was your favourite animal?

J: rhinos
W: lions
R: monkeys
K: lions
M: monkeys

What was your favourite part of the trip?

J: seeing the bats
W: seeing the lions and penguins
R: when we saw the water snakes
K: seeing the lions and monkeys
M: seeing all the animals
Library News – Perfect Place to Read

By Malak & Samantha

The library is the perfect place to read - there are so many books. But these are some of the most popular:

**Foundation:** The Very Hungry Caterpillar

**Year 1:** The Winnie and Wilber series

**Year 2:** The Ugly Five

**Year 3:** The Famous Five series

**Year 4:** Do You Speak Chocolate?

**Year 5:** Guinness World Records

**Year 6:** Percy Jackson series

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Eco News

By Jess and Zoey

If you keep your lights and tops off, you could win the orangutan soft toy for your class. The Eco Warriors have meetings nearly every week. If you want to be an Eco Warrior, just help with growing the environment everywhere. Now if you tell your friends and family to turn off their lights, taps and everything that uses electricity, you would save money and the world! You are now an Eco expert!

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French Club

By Pearl

This term in French club we have be focusing on food. I will list some foods we learned:

1. Le beurre
2. Le fromage
3. La carotte
4. La cerise
5. Le bonbon
6. L’œuf

We also learnt some conversations between a customer and a waiter. Here is some:

A: Bonjour
Hello

B: Avez-vous réservez une table?
Have you booked a table?
A: Oui, une table pour deux, s’il vous plaît.
Yes, a table for two please.

B: Suivez-moi.
Follow me.

B: Voulez-vous quelque chose à boire?
Would you like something to drink?
A: Oui, je voudrais un café et mon amie prendra un jus d’orange.
Yes, I would like a coffee and my friend will take an orange juice.
Teacher Spotlight

Today the teacher spotlight is on... Mr Taylor.

Interviewed by Mace

Why did you choose to teach?

I chose to teach because I really like working with children and I wanted to do something worthwhile. I did a week’s work experience in Sandhills a few years ago, and that convinced me that this is what I wanted to do.

What is your favourite band or singer?

I really like music and I have quite a mixed taste. Some of my favourite artists include: Westlife, Biffy Clyro, ABBA and Snow Patrol. I like listening to music in the charts too.

Why is Batman your favourite?

I love Batman. One thing I really like is that, unlike other superheroes, he doesn’t have any superpowers – he’s just incredibly clever, strong and with awesome gadgets.

Do I like slime and squishies?

I’ve never had a squishie, but they feel quite nice. I do like playing with slime, but it does get quite messy.

What is your favourite football team?

My favourite football team is the best football team, i.e. Manchester United. I’ve supported them all my life – it’s a family tradition. My dad was born near Manchester in his family are from the area. I didn’t have much choice!

Year Four – Epic Vikings

by Claudia & Anya

In Year Four we have been learning about Vikings and how their lives were. This is a picture of a Viking Longboat:

The longest were as long as 35 metres. Most were about 17 metres long and 2.5 metres wide. Oseberg Ships carried as many as 30 oarsmen, with 15 rows for oars, along with 200-300 warriors.

Lots of people think that Vikings have horns on their helmets but they don’t. One person drew a picture of a Viking with horns on and that’s how it started. On the boat, the Vikings sat on chests containing their possessions. They ate fish, pork, goat and bread.
Science Week – 3N’s Coprolite

By Archie and Charlie

In 3N (Year Three) we have been learning about coprolite (poo!) as part of science week. We were surprised that we were learning about poo (Archie nearly threw up!). How we made it: we added lentils, fish bones and peas (to make it more realistic). Adding the lentils, fish bones and peas was disgusting but we had to do it to make it look realistic from Tudor times. We were looking forward to taking our coprolite home so that we could prank our parents.

Year 4 Epic English

By Gracie

In English this term we have been looking at DRAMATIC dilemma stories. The particular story we have been looking at is the Dragon Slayer. Here is an example of a paragraph with a dilemma:

Suddenly, the Dragon Slayer heard a mysterious sound from the bush. Out of the blue tumbled a lime green dragon. Then it crossed his mind what he had done. He had killed the baby dragon’s mother and he felt very guilty. Well, he certainly couldn’t kill it, could he? Will I lose my job if I take it? Is it too dangerous because there might be a father? I am the fearless, daring Dragon Slayer, I can’t be afraid of a weak baby dragon.

We looked at the Dragon Slayer story in different sections:

- opening
- build up
- dilemma
- resolution
A Trip to Tudor World

By Hamza & Adam

Year 3 visited Sulgrave Manor to learn more about Tudor times. The children learnt lots of interesting things. A really interesting fact was they hanged up their babies at night, so rats would not get them. The children dressed up in Tudor costumes and had lots of fun (we took some children’s opinions’ of what they thought).

Bella: I thought it was interesting and we learnt so many things.

Mia: I loved it!

Megan: It was an amazing trip and we enjoyed all the fun

Michael: Amazing!

Activities

The children did lots of activities including comparing poor houses to rich ones, playing Tudor games like Cup and Ball, Four Men’s Morris and board games.
Maths Help!

by Hadley & Otis

Multiplication
Say the question is \(6 \times 8\).
That basically means 8 six times.
So, you can do it like this:

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\begin{array}{ccc}
8+8 &=& 16 \\
8+8 &=& 16 \\
8+8 &=& 16 \\
\end{array}
\]

So, three sets of two 8s = six 8s
Six 8s makes 48, so \(6 \times 8 = 48\).

Have a go at these:

1. \(4 \times 7 = \)
2. \(6 \times 9 = \)

Challenge questions:

1. \(16 \times 8 = \)
2. \(12 \times 5 = \)

Ultra challenge:

3. \(17 \times 15 = \)

Finding 2-digit cube roots
Say the number is 39,304.
You split it into two parts:

\#1: 39  \#2: 304

Write out the cube times table up to \(10^3\):

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\begin{align*}
1, & 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000 \\
\end{align*}
\]

For \#2, look at the last digit of all of the cube numbers:

1, 8, 7, 4, 5, 6, 3, 2, 9, 0

304 ends in a 4, and 64 ends in a 4, and is \(4^3\), so the cube root is 4.

Now you look at \#1. Find out what the closest cube number to it is without going over. 39 is between is 27 and 64, and 27 is \(3^3\) so the first digit of the cube root is 3.

So, the cube root of 39,304 is 3.
Sports

Football Club

by Eve, Lily, Shaney & Emily

We did lots of matches for fun. For warm up we kicked the ball to each other in triangles or squares. We did girl matches and boy matches. Sometimes we would do mixed teams. One of our favourite things was that we got to choose our teams. Even though we didn’t win all of the matches, we still had fun. We always try our best and never give up.

Scores

Girls – Sandhills 8 – 0 New Marston

Girls – Sandhills 0 – 2 Windmill

Mixed – Sandhills 0 – 20 Windmill

Sport Relief

by Tom

This year, we had an amazing athletic day for Sport Relief. Organised by Mr Taylor, it became one of our most successful money-raising events the school has ever taken part in. We had brilliant fun-filled activities such as breaking our own records, cross the river (a teamwork game) and even yoga! Mr Cobb was especially good at the tree pose! So many of you went home with your donation slips for the fantastic Sport Relief Mile. Nearly all of the school ran or walked a whole mile that day, making a total of around 300 miles altogether. Thanks to your super sponsorships, Sandhills is proud to announce that we raised over £1,950 (at the time of printing).

Thank you so much to the teachers who kept children motivated and who guided the groups. Thank you so much to the parents and grandparents who supported and sponsored your children. Thank you so much to Mr Roberts and the sports ambassadors for setting up the amazing day and thank you to all the children who were determined to complete the mile. Thank you for shaping our best Sport Relief yet!