**What we have been up to this week in UKS2**

**Year 5:** This week in Mathematics, children have been learning how to convert units of measurement for length. We have been working both mentally and practically to consolidate our skills.

In English lessons we have been researching the life of Victorian philanthropist, Dr Barnado – the founder of the children’s charity, Barnado’s. We used this information to write a biography about the life of the Irish charity founder.

In science, we have been learning about the changes to the human body during puberty.

Y**ear 6:** This week in Math sessions with Mr Graham, Year 6 have been converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also been pracising our arithmetic skills to help us get as close to 40/40 as possible before Christmas.

In English with Mr Johnson, Year 6 have been using their own research to write biographies. We developed our proofreading and editing skills when publishing our writing.

In science lessons we have learnt about the functions of the human heart.

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**Homework**

**Year 5** Maths – Mathletics activities (usernames in journals)

English - Spelling Shed & Cracking Comprehension

**Year 6** Maths – Arithmetic and percentage questions

English – Comprehension activity and spellings on website

**Year 4**

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**Timestables**

Knowing all times tables is a national target for the end of year 4 and is crucial if children are going to make excellent progress in our key stage.

We ask that all parents continue to practice and test times tables with their children to ensure fluency.

The website for children to practise is:

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

**Notices**

Friday 29th November- INSET day

The week commencing the 2nd December is **‘Ready Steady Read’** week, children will be taking part in sponsored reading for at least 30 minutes a day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday 6th December.

Friday 13th December- **Winter Wonderland Day** (£2 donation made via. School Spider or via. debit card at the office). **After school activities** will include ice-skating and a family visit to Father Christmas (payments made via. School Spider.)

January 2020 **Parent First-Aid courses** will be talking place. There are three sessions and parents only need to attend one. Prices are discounted and can be made via. School Spider.

Could all parents and carers please ensure that children are coming to school with a suitable coat, especially as the winter months begin to set in and the weather gets colder and wetter.

**General Reminders**

* Please contact our school office with regards to places at after-school club.
* Thank you to all parents who are parking sensibly before and after school, it helps to keep everyone safe!
* Chair of governors Eddie Roberts can be contacted by email – chair@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk
* Family engagement officer: Mrs J. Gallimore. Tel: 0161 795 4614
* As ever, if you have any questions then you can email the KS2 team at KS2@pikefold.manchester.sch.uk .