

### **A fortnight when Residential shone through!**

The last 2 weeks have been an adventure where children have explored new surroundings, tested their courage, built on their confidence and had an amazing time.

Leading up to our residential the children continued with their Place Value work in Maths learning how to round with whole numbers and decimals. They have been using a rhyme to help them calculate answers – ‘find the digit, look right next door, 4 or less then just ignore, 5 or more then add 1 more’. In English the children finished writing their recounts on the first day of term and have expanded on their vocabulary in SPaG lessons experimenting with new adjectives and adverbs.

However the most exciting part to talk about from the last 2 weeks is the week of residential where all children – at school and away – had a fantastic time.

Those who stayed at school enjoyed a range of activities relating to our current topic of Crime and Punishment. They played the game ‘Cluedo’ and then researched on laptops before making their own board games based on Cluedo – they created their own boards, character pieces and rules before testing them out with each other. They also visited the new children in reception and created a big art scene. Finally they had fun taking home tasty treats that they had baked in school.



Whilst one group of children were enjoying a different timetable to what they are use to back at school another group of children were enjoying exploring a new location at Condover Hall and seeing everything it had to offer. All children became fully emersed in the fantastic range of activities from the moment we arrived. They climbed towers and abseiled down, they tested their senses on the sensory trail where the crawled through muddy tunnels and over tyres, they tackled the aerial trek as well as developed their circus skills. They perfected their aim in archery and played games during wet and wacky. The children enjoyed evening entertainment including a run around quiz, egg protector, they devoured smores at the camp fire and danced the night away at the silent disco. All the teachers were extremely impressed with all the children, they showed courage and teamwork, supporting their peers when they found things difficult and ultimately having a great time.

Despite the rain, we all had a fantastic time and made the most of the weather by lying in massive puddles, squelching through the mud and tipping buckets of cold water over the teachers!

### **Next 2 weeks**

Over the next 2 weeks in English we will be writing our first SATs piece, a recount on our activities from last week. Then we will be exploring portal stories. In Maths, we will be practising our addition and subtraction skills before moving on to multiplication. Swimming starts next week and we will be completing our work on our key skills in PE.