

Welcome back to Term 3.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This term we are taking our class on a voyage of discovery as they travel back to ancient Greece to discover just how much of this fascinating civilisation is still alive in our society today. Our first lesson looked at common prefixes and suffixes that were stemming directly from the ancient Greek language. We thought about their meanings and how they translated into English. We are looking forward to exploring different examples of Greek vases and pottery, looking at the use of style, colour and pattern. Leading us to design, create and evaluate our own.

In French, we are learning vocabulary that would be used in cafes and at mealtimes.

For PE this term, we will be learning gymnastics skills before moving onto remaining games with a focus on tennis. PE sessions will be with Mr. Fullerton on Mondays and Mrs. Christie on Wednesday. Please ensure that children have PE kits with them on these days.

This term, the class are fortunate to have Bible Alive sessions on a Wednesday morning with Mr. Smith. These interactive sessions are fun and engaging and will focus on the Old and New Testament.

Our class have been encouraged to independently add and illustrate their work on SeeSaw so that you can see what we have been learning in class. This develops opportunities for the children to explain, at home, how they have approached different tasks, and what skills they have been developing in class.

Literacy

As we are approaching the end of our novel, King Kong, the class will take part in a mock-up news conference leading up to them writing a newspaper report about the events of King Kong. King Kong is a giant gorilla, a massive monster of an ape who lives on a remote island. The mighty beast falls for the beautiful Ann Darrow, and desperate to have her he finds himself lured into captivity. He is brought to civilisation and put on a show, but when he sees Ann, he breaks his heavy chains and begins to wreak havoc on the streets of New York. Our new class novel will be Percy Jackson, The Lightning Thief. This is a tale of a modern-day boy who is half boy and half Greek God. It ties in with our topic and will set the scene for much of our writing for the next month.

Math

In math, we are now working with pupils' ability to handle more diverse problems involving fractions, including dividing and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. To begin the chapter, pupils divide whole numbers by whole numbers, giving rise to fractions. Pupils then show improper fractions and mixed numbers using pictures. As they progress through the unit, they find equivalent fractions, compare and order fractions and utilise the number bond strategy, known as number pairs, in their work with fractions. Next, pupils review adding fractions, with a focus on fractions with different denominators and fractions that create improper fractions and mixed numbers. Then they subtract fractions that are different, finding common denominators and subtracting mixed numbers and improper fractions. At the end of the chapter, pupils begin to multiply fractions by whole numbers and multiply mixed numbers by whole numbers. The final lesson involves solving word problems that require multiple steps and bar model representations.

Some other math sources:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/number>

<http://www.multiplication.com/games/all-games>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Homework

Homework will be allocated on Monday using the edshed.com app/website. Please complete all assignments that are attached to individual accounts. The most significant change I have noticed is the children's enthusiasm for learning to spell alongside the weekly hive games that anticipate excitement. Our expectation is for children to read, three times a week, more if they wish. Please follow with a parent signature and date. If your child has been reading anything extra, please feel free to add this too. I love to hear about all the other stories or non-fiction texts the children have been exploring at home!

This term is shaping up to be an exciting term, full of lots of learning.

Mrs. Christie.