

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

This week in Reception, our topic has been 'autumn'. The boys loved listening to the story 'The Leaf Thief' and helping squirrel to work out who the leaf thief was! We talked about, how in autumn, the weather starts to get colder and leaves fall off the trees. The boys made some amazing creations using leaves and other craft materials. See if they can remember what they did! In phonics we learnt the new sounds ck, e, u, r. We were also introduced to the first two tricky words 'to' and 'the'. Tricky words are trying to trick us as they cannot be sounded out. The boys have done brilliantly this week and their confidence in recognising and blending sounds is increasing.

Year 1

This week, we read about the animals in Giraffes Can't Dance holding a jungle party. We helped them write a shopping list including plenty of treats, toys and party hats. In Maths, we looked at the number bonds of 10; 1+9, 2+8, 3+7, 4+6 and 5+5. Please practise these with your son at home. Year 1 also looked at mammals as part of our Animals Including Humans topic. We learned that mammals have live young, feed their young, milk, have hair or fur and are warm blooded.

Year 2

Year 2 has had a very busy week. In Maths, we focused on learning the 2 times tables, we also answered word problems linked to this. In English, we learnt about homophones. In Humanities, we learnt about Antarctica and wrote postcards pretending we were there. Please keep practising number bonds to 20 as well as the 2 times table at home!

Year 3

We have had another busy week in Year 3! In English, we have planned, written and edited a diary entry as the Stone Age boy. The boys worked really hard on this and produced some excellent written pieces! In Maths, we have continued working on multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8, this week in the context of puzzles and word problems. In Science, we looked at the formation and layers of soil. We acted as estate agents in History, writing persuasive advertisements for an amazing and spacious teepee with beautiful walls of animal skin and a floor made of high quality moss!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been doing multiplication in the column method and learning how to decipher one and two-step word problems. We have also been continuing to read The Iron Man and have made predictions about what will happen in the last chapter. Additionally, we have practiced our spellings and handwriting skills. In Humanities, we have learnt about the importance of maize (corn) and cacao (chocolate) in the Mayan times, as these were staples in their diet and they also had a lot of monetary and healing qualities. In Science, we learnt about conductors and insulators of electricity and did an experiment where we made a circuit and inserted a material to see whether it was a conductor or insulator.

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have learnt more about factors and multiples and how not to jumble them up! We have also started to investigate prime numbers. The Explorer is still being thoroughly enjoyed, while leaflets are starting to take shape. Water pollution interested the boys, so the river topic took a meander through there. Focus on handwriting and even better behaviour begun successfully. The boys' knowledge on the Amazon and Brazil is becoming quite impressive, almost at the level of a tour guide!

Year 6

What a fabulous week we had in Year 6. We finished off our topic of long multiplication and division and have learnt different methods of finding an answer. In Literacy, we discussed war poetry and even wrote our own, using our knowledge about World War 1 and the trenches. The boys are connecting this learning with the upcoming Remembrance Day. We were given equipment to conduct a science experiment, using batteries, bulbs and other components of a circuit. We then put ourselves into groups and tested the effect of different voltages.