

Sparrow Class News and Homework To be handed in on Wednesday 20th April

Maths: We have been revising \times and \div by 10, 100 and 1000 this week. On Tuesday, we used spinners and number cards to generate our own problems, we then used place value grids to help us visualise the digits moving left and right. On Wednesday, as a whole class we made our own giant place value table using ourselves, a washing line and white boards. Miss Glascodine gave us a number and told us to \times or \div by 10, 100 and 1000 and then we had to swap the white boards around to decide which way the digits would move and by how many places. We found it tricky to work as a team at first but soon we were really quick and remembered to put in the place holder zero.



English: We're continuing performance poetry this week, and have listened to and read a selection of poems from different poets. On Wednesday, we read 'Cool Cat' by Mike Jubb and picked out the alliteration, rhyme, rhythm and repetition. We discussed other language used throughout but then noticed lots of the grammar was wrong, informal words such as 'gonna' and 'wanna' were used repeatedly and we discussed how it helped you to read the poem with more 'flow'. We then were challenged to see if we could convert 20 informal contractions like 'innit' and 'ain't' into proper English, a lot harder than we first thought!

Topic: In science this week we have been learning about the 7 life processes (Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Nutrition, Excretion, Reproduction and Growth) and used the acronym MRS GREN/NERG to help us remember them. We shared different examples of how plants do all 7 processes and then focused on Respire, to understand how plants make their own food through photosynthesis. On Friday we will be looking at some green plants in more detail to examine their structure and understand the chemical inside (chlorophyll) that helps plants survive.

We had an excellent day on Thursday celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. As a whole school, we made sandwiches, cakes and bunting then paraded our crowns around the playground before tucking into a delicious picnic, followed by ice cream and games!



Homework Tasks

This week's times tables to practice are:



Topic – Choose an aspect of Indian culture; clothing, food, transport or jobs and present a fact page. We will use these to show comparisons with our own culture.

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