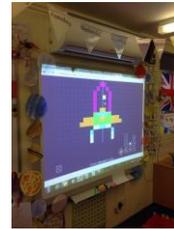
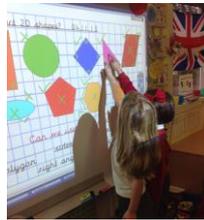


Sparrow Class News and Homework

To be handed in on Wednesday 11th November

Maths: In maths this week, we have begun a new unit on shape. We started by revising our knowledge of symmetry and pattern. We used peg boards, multilink cubes, Numicon and interactive programs on the laptops to create symmetrical patterns. Next, we started exploring the properties of regular and irregular 2D shapes, using new language to describe such as quadrilateral, polygons and angles. Finally, we used Venn diagrams to sort these shapes and practice drawing them accurately.



English: In English this week, we have been learning to spot poetic features. Over the past few weeks we have been using FANTASTICs and BOOMTASTICs in our narrative writing to develop our vocabulary and sentence structure. We then used these to unpick the language in given poems. We also identified similes and alliteration and discussed the impact of these language features in writing and have been able to practice using these in our own work.

Topic: We have begun our new unit of our space topic this week. We will be learning about the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing and the very exciting upcoming Principa mission, following British astronaut



Tim Peak's journey to the international space station in 5 weeks time. We kicked off the term in by using our new interactive role play area to get into the 'space station' spirit, completing log books and researching moon landing facts and dates. In groups we investigated the phases of the moon and created zig-zig books to show our understanding.

Homework Tasks

This week's times tables to practice are:



TASK: Complete online SPaG.com grammar test.

SPaG.com provides children with the opportunity to take practice grammar tests online which cover all elements of the new national curriculum. These assessments will be used on a termly basis to help familiarise children with the types of questions they will be exposed to in SATs and as a teaching tool to highlight 'gaps' in the children's grammar knowledge. Please be aware, these tests are at a much higher level than children will have previously experienced as the curriculum bar has been significantly raised. It is important that children do try their best to complete all 25 questions with as much independence as possible, to ensure we can assess their current level accurately.

Accessing your test:

www.spag.com

Login with your personal username and password

Follow the onscreen instructions to complete test = Grammar – Y3 (A)

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