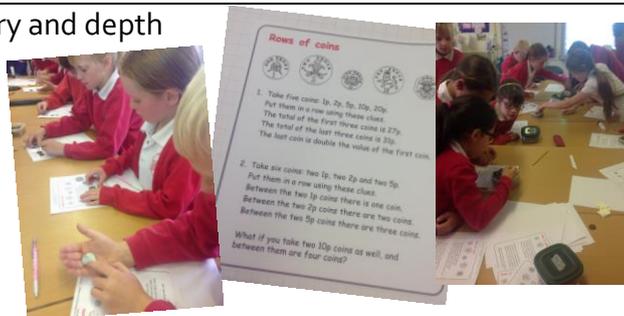


Sparrow Class News and Homework

To be handed in on Wednesday 17th June

Maths: We have taken part in problem solving week. Mastery and depth of mathematical knowledge is a key part of the new curriculum, problem solving activities ensure we learn the essential skills needed to develop our understanding of maths and number.

We used the concrete materials such as dice, money and playing cards to support our working out and used different systematic approaches such as trial and error, drawing diagrams and making lists.



English: As part of our modern Britain topic, we have been continuing our work on the commonwealth and our ties with other countries. This week we have been introduced to a new picture book, 'The Colour of Home.'



Over the next few weeks, we will be exploring many texts that raise issues such as asylum and a sense of home and belonging. This particular book follows the story of Hassan, a little boy from Somalia who starts school in England after fleeing from his beloved home for his safety. The story highlights the thoughts and feelings involved in travelling to a new country, starting a new school and losing a family member. We unpicked the text in detail focussing not only on the evocative language but the beautiful illustrations that depict Hassan's emotions and body language. We greatly enjoyed sharing this story and had lots to say about it! We used this discussion

and knowledge of the character to continue the story in our own words, following the same tone and style as the author, Mary Hoffman.

Topic: As I am sure you are aware, next Monday will be the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. We have been learning all about this historical event and been writing our own class charters. Throughout the week, we have been learning the what the Magna Carta is, why it was so important and how it has affected our democracy today. Our class watched the brilliant Horrible Histories episode that tells the story of King John and the Barons, we also completed a quiz to show our understanding and finally, in small groups, wrote our own charters, which outline our rights and responsibilities at school. We greatly look forward to you attending our Magna Carta Day on Monday 15th!

Science: This weeks' science lesson focused on our new summer term unit, Light. We learnt about man-made and natural light sources and revised our knowledge of shadows. We will be making dark boxes next week to experiment how we see different colours in different lights and also investigate how proximity to light sources affects shadows.

Please can you try to bring in a shoe box next week. Thank you!

Homework Tasks

This week's times tables to practice are:



TASK: Please learn your Magna Carta song words (attached) the song can be found on YouTube or at the CBBC website: *Horrible Histories Song - Magna Carta 800 Years - CBBC*

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine ☺

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