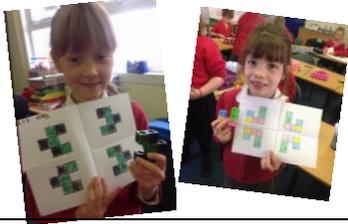


# Sparrow Class News and Homework

## To be handed in on Wednesday 11<sup>TH</sup> March

**Maths:** In maths this week we have been investigating symmetrical patterns and reflections. We used lots of different resources and mediums to experiment making patterns using a range of shapes and colours, our partners then had to complete the mirror image. Interestingly, we found it easier to complete patterns on a vertical mirror line than on a horizontal one!



From this we then learnt to draw reflections in more than one quadrant. We created a shape with cubes and used this to 'flip' into the different quadrants in order to understand how the reflection would appear and then used mirrors to check.

**English:** We have been continuing our work on folktales this week and have started to plan our own. In addition to this, for our First of the Month writing we created a persuasive advert to entice people to visit different African countries. We used rhetorical questioning and evocative language to describe these 'once in a lifetime' trips and used facts from our homework booklets to engage and persuade the reader.

**Topic & Science:**

During our topic lessons we have been finishing our African masks using different materials to make the designs 3D and have started to paint them in traditional African colours. *Thank you to the parents who have allowed us to borrow some real African masks, they have been a great source of inspiration for our own designs.* We also took part in a very special music morning taught by Mrs Glover, discovering African tunes and instruments as well as composing and performing our own melodies.

Finally, in science we have been revising our knowledge of the seven characteristics of living things, known by the acronym as 'MRS NERG' (Movement, Reproduction, Sensitivity, Nutrition, Excretion, Respiration and Growth) We discussed each of these elements in detail, this led us on to learning about the basic need for all living things, one of which being a suitable home or habitat. Together, we shared our knowledge of different habitats around the world and the animals that live there, we are now starting to learn about how animals have adapted and evolved over time to live and thrive in their environments.

### Homework Tasks

This week's times tables to practice are:



**TASK:** Please write a set of instructions explaining how to make the African masks we completed in class. Feel free to present your writing in your own way e.g. using ICT, pictures, diagrams etc.

**Those of you who have already completed this task during school time are expected to undertake an extra half hour of reading.**

Pupil feedback	Parent feedback	Teacher feedback

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