

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (14.10.16)

This week, in English, we used all of our hard work and detailed study of part of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* to plan our very own short fantasy story. We wrote our introductions and began writing our final, neat drafts of the whole short story. We have been focussing on independently using the huge array of grammar and vocabulary tools that we have learnt about in the past few weeks, as well as trying to write in cursive script. During Guided Reading, we discussed and explained author techniques and language use for creating certain atmospheres and moods.

In Maths this week, we have seen great improvements in our ability to add with efficient written methods for arithmetic (non-context) questions. We have also rounded numbers up to 10,000,000 to various powers of 10 (10, 100, 1000 etc.). Some of us applied our understanding of rounding to an investigation. As well as this, we looked at negative numbers in context and calculated intervals that cross 0.

We continued our first Science unit of the year ‘We are Space Presenters’, by rehearsing and organising the filming of our Stargazing episode on the school iPads. We have evaluated our group work and outcomes so far and will be editing them next week!

In Topic, we researched the beginning of chocolate! We used computers to create information texts with facts about how chocolate links to the Ancient Maya lands. Also, we have all now created traditional Guatemalan worry dolls in Art.

To view regular updates and photos of some of the activities we do, visit the school's Twitter page (you do not need to be a member or follow us to see these): [www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool](http://www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool)

Homework Tasks (Year 5):

- **Reading Comprehension:** Please complete the ‘Why Recycle?’ task in your CGP Targeted Question Book (pg 6&7)
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark the ‘rounding task on page 10 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (use page 6 of the Targeted Study Book for revision and extra support).  
*Please hand in your **marked** Maths and Reading Targeted Question Books and Learning Log by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.***
- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on the list of words given, will take place on **Friday** morning.
- **Multiplication facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place on **Tuesday** afternoon. **Please practise all facts up to 12 x 12.**
- **Reading:** You are expected to do **at least 1 hour** of independent reading at home, **every week.**  
*Please get a parent/carer to sign below to show that you have done this, as there is no home reading records in Woodpecker Class:*

**Signature:**.....

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