

## Weekly Woodpecker Class News (16.9.16)

After two weeks back at school after the summer break we are showing great effort and attitude towards our work, wanting to improve and learn more!

This week, in English, we continued our study of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We have been focussing on creating effective sentences using rhetorical questions, noun phrases, repetition, similes, powerful verbs and adverbs. We also analysed the descriptions of Augustus Gloop and Veruca Salt - interpreting the evidence in order to help us to sketch the characters and explain the impressions that the written descriptions give. As well as this, we completed a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling baseline assessment.

In Maths this week, we have been reading and writing numbers to 100 000, 1 000 000 and 10 000 000 (exploring place value). We also explored a number investigation about summing digits and completed an Arithmetic and Reasoning baseline assessment.

We were introduced to our first Science unit of the year 'We are Space Presenters', where we will research and create our own Stargazing-type programmes, based on research, that are practical and clear in their explanations. So far (in groups) we have discussed our current knowledge on The Solar System, Day and Night and The Lunar Month and created 3 key questions to investigate.

In Topic, we created the covers for our books; we also used Google Maps to identify and map the different locations and terrains that the Ancient Maya occupied.

Elsewhere, we celebrated Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by taking part in the Puffin Books live online party, where we learnt more about his life, saw how to draw like Quentin Blake and watched a performance of the cast of Matilda. In addition, we took part in PE and Art lessons.

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): [www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool](http://www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool)

### Homework Tasks (Year 5):

- **Reading Comprehension:** Please try to complete 'An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth' task in your CGP Targeted Question Book (pg 4&5)
- **GPS:** Please try to complete the 'Verb Tenses' page in your CGP Targeted Question Book (pg 30).

*Please hand in your marked Targeted Question Book and Learning Log by  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September***

- **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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