

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (18.11.16)

This week, in English, we completed an extended writing task. We watched a short film called 'Wing' – which links to Anti-Bullying Week (this week) – and had to retell it, focussing particularly on our handwriting, spelling and writing stamina.

We also enjoyed finally reading our completed fantasy stories and answered comprehension questions about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory during an extended guided reading lesson. We then started to write our final (hot task) explanation texts on 'Why does the moon appear to change shape?'

In Maths this week, we continued practising our ability to subtract with efficient written methods for arithmetic (non-context) questions - we then developed or extended our abilities. We also began to round decimal numbers to various places (units, tenths and hundredths) – applying it to real-life where possible, e.g. money, measurement, calculators.

Our Earth and Space Science work this week was very much linked to our English again! We explored the 'lunar month'; we watched various videos, looked at diagrams and answered questions about the moon's orbit around the Earth. It was a perfect week to do this with the rare 'supermoon' event on Monday!

In Topic, we began our 3D models of a Maya city using Google Sketchup. In order to help us get used to this computer software, to start with we modelled 3D houses by following given instructions.

Elsewhere, we visited a mosque in Northampton! Following the visit, we created Powerpoint presentations to show the main features of both the inside and outside of a mosque. We also took part in a PE lesson and began looking at our Christian unit of work on the 'Incarnation' (birth of Jesus).

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

Homework Tasks:

- **RE:** In your learning log, design your own mosque; somehow show both the inside and the outside (use your Powerpoint presentation to remind you of the main features/items – PLEASE BRING THESE BACK IN GOOD CONDITION!).

*Please hand in your completed task, in your Learning Log, by **Wednesday 23rd November.***

- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on the list of words given, will take place on **Friday**.
- **Multiplication facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place on **Tuesday**. 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:

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