

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (21.4.17)

During this shorter week, in English, we continued studying our whole-class Guided Reading book 'Wonder'; we finished August's first section, which ended very harshly for him emotionally. We discussed the differences between 'bullying' and 'unkindness' in reaction to this. Alongside this, we boosted our ability to answer GPS assessment-type questions in pairs, particularly focusing on different word classes.

In Maths this week, we practised our ability to solve arithmetic (non-context) questions for all four operations (+, -, x, ÷), going through – in detail – how to approach and solve each question. We recapped 2D and 3D shape names and properties (including vocabulary such as regular, irregular, parallel, acute, obtuse, reflex). As well as this, we started to investigate angle rules for triangles, quadrilaterals and other regular polygons – using them to calculate missing angles in given shapes.

In Science, we dissected lilies in order to identify the different flower parts. We then looked at the life cycles of both flowering and non-flowering plants, before focusing on the process of pollination.

For RE, we finished our work on the 'Salvation' section of our Christianity learning, by exploring the ways in which different Christians groups show their beliefs about Good Friday and Easter Sunday in worship. We created information texts in pairs, showing what they do, remember, feel, make and say.

Elsewhere we had an orienteering afternoon and an Easter assembly led by Reverend Angela in All Saints' Church, Clipston.

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 (Year 5)

- **Reading:** Please read from page 91 up to page 111 of our class guided reading book 'Wonder'.
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark the 'Regular and Irregular Polygons' tasks on pgs.64 & 65 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (please use the Targeted Study Book pg.59 for revision and extra support).

*Please hand in your Wonder book, **marked** Maths Targeted Question Book and Learning Log by **Wednesday 26th April**.*

- **Spelling:** A spelling test, on the list of words given, will take place next **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:

Signature:.....

Pupil Feedback	Parent Feedback