

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (21.10.16)

This week, in English, we continued to write our final, neat drafts of our whole short stories based on our in-depth study of the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. At the end of the week, we watched the 1971 and the 2005 film versions of the book. We then discussed Roald Dahl's negative opinions of the 1971 film and reviewed and compared them. During Guided Reading, we independently tried to explain (in writing this week) author techniques and language use for creating certain atmospheres and moods. We also wrote cold, unaided explanation texts as the start of our next writing unit.

In Maths this week, we solved mastery problems involving negative numbers in context and calculating intervals that cross 0. We also completed an overall place value task to show how much we have learnt this term!

We continued our first Science unit of the year 'We are Space Presenters', by compiling and editing our Stargazing episode films using iMovie. We cropped clips and added music and titles to create our final programmes! We also created individual non-chronological reports to show what we had learnt about the Solar System during our group film work.

Elsewhere, we finished our study of this term's Christian Virtue (Kindness) and took part in a brilliant 'New Beats' composition workshop - Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust offered this visit as part of their centrally funded instrumental teaching agreement, and it is given as a support to National Curriculum requirements for music.

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:**

- **Science:** We are developing further links with Ogden Trust. As usual this year they are holding an autumn quiz, with books as prizes. *Please hand in your completed quiz by **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.***
- **Spelling & Punctuation:** Your dictation exercise, on some of last week's spelling words, will take place on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**
- **Multiplication facts:** A test of a variety of multiplication facts will take place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.** 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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