

## Weekly Woodpecker Class News (23.9.16)

This week, in English, we continued our study of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl. We have been focussing on creating effective taste sentences (whilst savouring some chocolate!) using abstract nouns and adjectives. We then created balanced emotion sentences - joined with an appropriate contrasting conjunction – about Charlie enjoying the chocolate but feeling disappointed about not winning a Golden Ticket. Following that, we created cohesion between all of the sentences we have built up in the last 2 weeks to create a mini chapter. We also analysed the purpose of Roald Dahl's use of *italic* words to create emphasis. As well as this, we practised handwriting with the 'caterpillar family' letters: *c, a, d, g, o, q, e, f, s*.

In Maths this week, we have been showing our ability to add with efficient written methods for arithmetic (non-context) questions. We have also explored our place value system through songs and identifying the values of various digits and ordering large numbers. We have also investigated some mastery place value questions and explored the maths of the iPhone keypad and calculators (developing our reasoning skills).

We continued our first Science unit of the year 'We are Space Presenters', by deciding the facts we will need to find out in order to create our 3 Stargazing-type programmes; we also noted down what we already know about our Solar System.

In Topic, we explored the crops grown by the Ancient Maya in 3 different land types; we came up with possible farming strategies to overcome issues of the various environments.

Elsewhere, we continued our RE unit on the school's Christian virtue of the term: kindness – gathering ideas about how we can demonstrate kindness through our words, actions and attitudes. In addition, we took part in PE lessons.

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### Homework Tasks (Year 6):

- **Maths:** Please try to complete the place value tasks on page 6 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (use at page 2 the Targeted Study Book for revision and extra support).
- **GPS:** Please try to complete the 'Conjunctions' tasks on page 15 in your CGP Targeted Question Book.
- **Please also mark last week's Reading Comprehension CGP task, using the separate provided answers).**  
*Please hand in all your **marked** Targeted Question Books and Learning Log by **Wednesday 28th September**.*
- **Spelling & Punctuation:** Your dictation exercise, on some of last week's spelling words, will take place in 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:*

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