

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (28.4.17)

This week, in English, we started our discussion text writing unit. We text-mapped a given discussion text ('Should school uniform be banned?') to help us identify and remember the structure, organisation, language features and punctuation used; then we presented our sections to the class so that we could all learn the whole text! This helped us to create a class checklist of features to use in our own discussion text writing next week. Alongside this, we boosted our ability to answer different GPS SAT-type questions in pairs.

In Maths this week, we continued to investigate angle rules for triangles, quadrilaterals and other regular polygons – using them to calculate missing angles in given shapes. Also, we looked at the rules for corresponding and opposite angles, as well as angles on a straight line, around a point. Next, we explored calculating the area and perimeter of 2D shapes (particularly compound shapes). We then used multi-link cubes to practically explore volume of 3D shapes – trying to see how the formula works (length x width x depth).

In Science, we investigated the life cycles of various living things: flowering plants, non-flowering plants, amphibians, birds and mammals. We tried to explain and illustrate each stage with diagrams.

Elsewhere we had a Mindfulness lesson and discussed the recommended '100 books you should read before you leave Year 6'.

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www.twitter.com/ClipstonSchool

Homework Tasks (Year 5)

- **GPS:** Please complete and mark the 'Apostrophe Practice' tasks on pgs.60&61 of your CGP Targeted Question Book.
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark the 'Regular and Irregular Polygons' tasks on pgs.62&63 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (please use the Targeted Study Book pg.58 for revision and extra support).

*Please hand in your **marked** Maths & GPS Targeted Question Books and Learning Log by **Wednesday 3rd May.***

- **Spelling & Punctuation:** Your dictation exercise, on some of last week's spelling words, 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:.....

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