

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (2.12.16)

This week, in English, we started a new unit of work on newspaper article recount writing. We completed a ‘cold’ unaided task based on an Ancient Maya story about their traditional ball game ‘Pok-ta-Pok’. Following that, we identified features of newspaper articles, mapped out the ‘shape’ of the layout/organisation and began creating headlines to draw attention to the reader.

In Maths this week, we practised our ability to add and subtract with efficient written methods for mixed operation arithmetic (non-context) questions - we then developed or extended our abilities, as well as solving mastery reasoning and problem solving tasks. We also continued to consolidate our ability to multiply and divide decimal numbers by powers of 10 (10, 100, 1000 etc.).

In Topic, we finished drawing our 3D models of a Maya city using Google Sketchup, some of us added materials and labels to the different parts. We also began to look at Ancient Maya writing; they had ‘emoji-like’ logograms for certain words and then hieroglyphs for individual syllables with vowels.

Elsewhere, we continued our RE ‘Incarnation’ work – locating Bible stories about the ‘introduction’ of Jesus in the four Gospels. Luke and Matthew recount the traditional nativity story, however Mark and John’s recounts are more difficult to interpret – they talk about a ‘light’, ‘the Word’ and the arrival of a ‘messenger’. We also finished organising, planning and setting up our stalls for today’s Christmas Bazaar; a lot of effort has been put in by children and families alike – thank you! Mrs Glover also carried on teaching us the song we will be performing at the Carol Concert, adding in some musical instruments! We all took part in two PE lessons; Year 6 also built nativity figures using Fimo in Art and created 3D gold stars.

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Homework Tasks (Year 5):

- **GPS:** Please complete the punctuation ‘Sentence Practice’ task in your CGP Targeted Question Book (pg 39).
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark the ‘Mental Adding and Subtracting’ task on pgs 12&13 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (use pg 12 of the Targeted Study Book for revision and extra support). *Please hand in your marked GPS and Maths Targeted Question Books and Learning Log by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.*
- **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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