

Weekly Woodpecker Class News (5.5.17)

This week, in English, we continued our discussion text writing unit. We researched balanced 'For' and 'Against' arguments for the innovation stage of our writing: 'Should zoos be banned?' We began editing the discussion text we learnt orally to fit this question.

In Maths, we practised our ability to solve arithmetic (non-context) questions for all four operations (+, -, x, ÷), going through how to approach and solve each question afterwards. We then moved on to learning about coordinates, how to read and plot them. This then led onto identifying and drawing reflections in different mirror lines.

We began our new topic this week: Time Travelling! First of all we designed our classroom display – voting for which we liked the most to put up.

In Science, we finished investigating the life cycles of mammals – particularly focusing on humans.

Elsewhere we continued our 'mindfulness' lessons, practising training our brain to focus and concentrate. We also presented our Muslim beliefs/attitudes towards one of the following: food, clothes, women, marriage, family life, older people and education. We used these presentations to decide 'for' and 'against' arguments for our unit question: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

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 Comprehension:** Please complete and mark the 'Tracking Basking Sharks' task on pgs.18 & 19 of your CGP Targeted Question Book.
- **Maths:** Please complete and mark the 'Reflection' tasks on pgs.66 & 67 of your CGP Targeted Question Book (please use the Targeted Study Book pg.60 for revision and extra support).

*Please hand in your **marked** Maths and Reading Comprehension Targeted Question Books and Learning Log by **Wednesday 10th May.***

- **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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